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REHABILITATION LOAN CLASH Opposition Expressed To Premium Bond Issue

**T.W. Kwok
Recalled
To Canton**

Mr. T. W. Kwok, Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been summoned to Canton by Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, to report on the Kowloon City eviction issue.

Mr. Kwok will be leaving for Canton today.

Yesterday Mr. T. W. Kwok called on His Excellency the Governor (Sir Alexander Grantham).

He refused to disclose the subject of his talks with the Governor.

Sassoon To Shift From S'hai

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
Sir Victor Sassoon, prominent British businessman, intimated in an interview today that he was considering the transfer of some of his large interests here to South China especially Kwangtung Province.

Sir Victor, who arrived yesterday on his first visit in nearly seven years, said that the main stumbling block to China's return to normalcy was her shaky and unstable currency.

With the present unsettled condition business is naturally forced to adopt a cautious attitude.

Hong Kong

Sir Victor spoke highly of Hongkong's postwar development, saying that the Colony's export and import figures since the end of the war tend to show astonishing and far-reaching progress.

He said that business in Kwangtung will definitely benefit from Hongkong's stability.

Asked what he thought was the best remedy for China's currency problem, Sir Victor replied that there could be little solution as long as China's printing presses are working overtime turning out banknotes.

—Reuter.

BAO DAI AND BIDAULT TO MEET IN LONDON

Ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam will fly to Britain by a BOAC plane on Saturday for discussions with M. Bidault, French Foreign Minister, who is expected to remain in London for two more weeks, the "China Mail" learned from quarters close to the local French authorities.

Bao Dai will be accompanied by four members of his staff, including M. Henry Thinh, Annam's financial expert, who until recently was on the staff of the local French Consulate.

The former Emperor is travelling to London to meet the French Foreign Minister before the latter returns to Paris, where M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, is waiting for him to report on, and discuss, the recent conference with Bao Dai in the Gulf of Tonkin.

M. Bollaert, it was learned

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Ordinance Passes Third Reading

A lone voice was raised in Legislative Council yesterday in opposition to the proposed issue of premium bonds under the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Loan Ordinance, 1947, which passed its second and third reading without amendment.

Mr. M. M. Watson said he supported the Bill but was opposed to any form of Government-sponsored or controlled lottery.

"I wish to make it quite clear that I am in favour of the Bill. However I want to refer to a matter which the Financial Secretary introduced in his speech on introducing the Bill for the first time," said Mr. Watson.

"In his speech, Mr. Follows observed that it was too late to take advantage of the favourable market conditions which had existed at the beginning of the year.

"Perhaps, it is for this reason that he has suggested further in his statement — or rather I should not say, suggested — he stated that Government have under consideration the issue of premium bonds.

Opposed

"In an earlier speech I made in this Council on the introduction of the Inland Revenue Bill, I expressed my views on the question of Government running lotteries.

"I apprehend that the premium bonds will, in their nature, be lotteries.

"I think one can say without the slightest fear of contradiction, that it has been the universal practice in England to avoid all kinds of lotteries in which the State would be concerned, so that, in many cases, Acts have been passed at Home, which have prevented other bodies — not State bodies — from dealing in lotteries.

"I have observed that the present scheme seems to come out of Palestine.

"As far as I am aware, nothing very good has come out of Palestine in modern times, but I gladly except the Attorney General and the Director of Public Works (laugh).

"However, the question is only under discussion and in due course a Bill will be introduced when a final decision is reached.

"I will, therefore, not elaborate further at this stage, but I do hope that when a decision is reached, it will be

After Council had gone into Committee, the Bill was passed unanimously without amendment.

PROSPECTUSES

Prospectuses and application forms for the Hong Kong Government 3 1/2% Rehabilitation Loan 1973/1978 will be available to the public on Friday at all exchange banks and the Treasury, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road Central.

Applications will be accepted by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China from the opening of business on Friday until the close of business on Thursday, January 15th 1948, unless, before this date, the loan is fully subscribed, in which case the lists will be closed immediately.

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The only remaining question to be settled between Bao Dai and the French is the army issue.

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The French Foreign Minister in London, Bao Dai will visit Paris and other European Continental cities.

Later he plans to visit the United States to study the economic system of that country before returning to Indo-China.

General Nguyen Van Thieu, President of the Provisional Government of South China did not arrive from Saigon yesterday as was anticipated.

Peiping Police Tell Foreigners:

DON'T CARRY U.S. MONEY

Peiping, Dec. 17.

The Police Bureau today warned foreign businessmen that Nanking's new regulations, prohibiting the carrying of United States currency in "public places," would be strictly enforced.

The police sub-station in Peiping's former Legation Quarter, where most foreign business men are concentrated, called a meeting of foreign businessmen and gave them warning.

They also stated that business men not registered with the Bureau of Social Affairs, in accordance with the April company law, must do so within a week or their businesses would be closed.

Meanwhile, in Nanking, the Chinese Government today relaxed foreign trade control to permit the import of "extra-quota" raw materials which are destined for use in the manufacture of exports.

The Government will grant open market rate of foreign exchange to authorized merchants for the purchase of "extra-quota" imports. —United Press.

BRITISH POLICE SERGT. KILLED IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, Dec. 17.
After two blank days because of rain, play in the seriously wounded during the night when they were attacked in Jerusalem, bringing the Holy Land's toll of dead in 17 days of Arab-Jewish strife to 260.

Violence, however, appeared to be tapering off.

This morning was the quietest since the United Nations decision to partition Palestine touched off the wave of disorders.

There were reports that a Jewish band had attacked the Arab residential area of Jaffa, just before dawn, but the police could not confirm these reports.

Police fired two shots at curfew breakers in Jerusalem's commercial centre, but there was no other word of serious violence.

The precarious position of the Jews in Arab areas resulted, however, in the closing of the Kalla Hotel on the Dead Sea — the Holy Land's swankiest winter resort, which is owned by Jews and staffed by both Arabs and Jews.

Police were unable to place the blame on anyone for the attack on the two British sergeants last night.

One police report said that Jews fired at the men, while another blamed the attack on Arabs in a stolen armoured car.

Palestine government officials were told today that they would receive no leave until end of December, because of the large amount of work involved in the British withdrawal.

After December only officials whose work is not essential to

Marshall Lunches At Palace

London, Dec. 17.
Secretary of State Marshall will lunch with King George and Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace today. He is the only one of the visiting Foreign Ministers to be invited alone to the Palace on a personal basis.

General Marshall will leave

at 4 p.m. tomorrow in President Truman's plane "Sacred Cow."

He is scheduled to arrive in Washington at 9 a.m. on Friday.

He will report by radio to the nation on Friday night on the results of the Big Four conference.

Ambassador to Britain Lewis Douglas and State Department Councillor Charles Bohlen will fly back with General Marshall.

Other top members of the United States delegation will return on Friday on the liner Queen Mary. —United Press.

HK BANKS PUT UNDER RIGID GOVT. CONTROL "Licence" System To Be Imposed

All banks and banking business in the Colony, whether already operating or to be established in future, will henceforth have to be licensed and are to be carried on by companies only. They will be subject to rigid Government control, with power vested in the Governor to cancel licences in case of contravention of the law.

Legislation giving effect to this measure is provided in the Banking Ordinance 1947 which passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Main reasons for this clamping down on banks, explained by Government, are the inadequate financial backing of certain institutions carrying on a banking business, and speculation and infringement of trade and exchange control regulations indulged in by certain banks.

Explaining the necessity for the measure, the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said:

"At the present time, the legislation of the Colony does not contain provision for the regulation or control of the business of banking. Within

recent times it has been shown that the necessity exists for the provision of some such legislation, because persons or organisations have been doing business in the Colony on occasions or in certain cases without having adequate financial backing.

"Additionally, it has been found that there are organisations doing business of the nature of banking business which is not in fact of value to the Colony, since they are engaged in speculation or in the infringement of trade or exchange control regulations of this Colony or of China.

"The purpose of this Bill is to provide legislation of the type which, as I have said, is considered to be necessary. As summarised, the content of the Bill is as follows:

"It visualises that upon enactment of this Bill, henceforth banking business in the Colony may be conducted only by a company as defined in the Bill.

Superimposed upon that requirement, the Bill envisions that a company designed to do banking business shall also obtain a licence from the Governor-in-Council.

Provisions

"The Bill provides that thereafter, except with the express authority of the Governor-in-Council, no person or business shall continue to employ the term 'bank' or any derivative of the term 'bank' in the title of its business.

"But both, carrying a total of 62 men, were still seaworthy and able, radio-dispatches to the Coast Guard headquarters said.

"A third ship, an unidentified Chinese vessel, was reported to be aground on Yoron Jima, in the Ryukyu Islands, in the Western Pacific with its engine-room flooded.

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3 Ships In Distress In Pacific

Adak, Alaska, Dec. 17.

Two U.S. Army ships — a tanker and a freighter — were in distress in northern Pacific waters off the Aleutians last night in the wake of a gale.

But both, carrying a total of 62 men, were still seaworthy and able, radio-dispatches to the Coast Guard headquarters said.

"One Arab, guarding the millionaire car park near King David Hotel in Jerusalem, disappeared with his rifle. Associated Press and United Press.

What is a bargain?

The Oxford English Dictionary Says:

"Agreement on terms of give and take; purchase, especially favourable, one; good things bought cheaply, etc., etc."

Two Largest Cities In Sicily Strike-Bound

Rome, Dec. 17.
Sicily's two largest cities — Palermo and Catania — were to-day in the grip of general strikes called by their local Chambers of Labour. Sports from southern Italy also told of new labour unrest.

The Sicilian strikes were both called to back demands for unemployment relief — the same reason which the Rome chamber of labour gave in calling a two-day general strike there last week.

The local chambers, which called the strikes, are affiliated with the General Confederation of Labour.

Rome press dispatches reported that in Calabria, workers in two places had refused to carry out strike orders from Communist-led labour bodies.

At the Calabrian port of Catania Marina, fishermen continued to work.

Rome's *Il Messaggero* reported.

At San Benedetto del Tronto, also in Calabria, marine workers were reported striking to their jobs.

L'Unità, Communist newspaper in Rome, said that strikes were in progress at two other Sicilian towns "in the interest of the unemployed."

L'Unità also reported a general strike had been called at Petilia for Thursday to protect Government order, "dissolving" the communal administration.

(Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

The latest American civil service forecast to dominate west and southern Asia. A moderately dry and cold

Honolulu, N.H. — Total precipitation for the month is expected to be 10.25 in. — 10.75 in. — 11.25 in. — 11.75 in. — 12.25 in. — 12.75 in. — 13.25 in. — 13.75 in. — 14.25 in. — 14.75 in. — 15.25 in. — 15.75 in. — 16.25 in. — 16.75 in. — 17.25 in. — 17.75 in. — 18.25 in. — 18.75 in. — 19.25 in. — 19.75 in. — 20.25 in. — 20.75 in. — 21.25 in. — 21.75 in. — 22.25 in. — 22.75 in. — 23.25 in. — 23.75 in. — 24.25 in. — 24.75 in. — 25.25 in. — 25.75 in. — 26.25 in. — 26.75 in. — 27.25 in. — 27.75 in. — 28.25 in. — 28.75 in. — 29.25 in. — 29.75 in. — 30.25 in. — 30.75 in. — 31.25 in. — 31.75 in. — 32.25 in. — 32.75 in. — 33.25 in. — 33.75 in. — 34.25 in. — 34.75 in. — 35.25 in. — 35.75 in. — 36.25 in. — 36.75 in. — 37.25 in. — 37.75 in. — 38.25 in. — 38.75 in. — 39.25 in. — 39.75 in. — 40.25 in. — 40.75 in. — 41.25 in. — 41.75 in. — 42.25 in. — 42.75 in. — 43.25 in. — 43.75 in. — 44.25 in. — 44.75 in. — 45.25 in. — 45.75 in. — 46.25 in. — 46.75 in. — 47.25 in. — 47.75 in. — 48.

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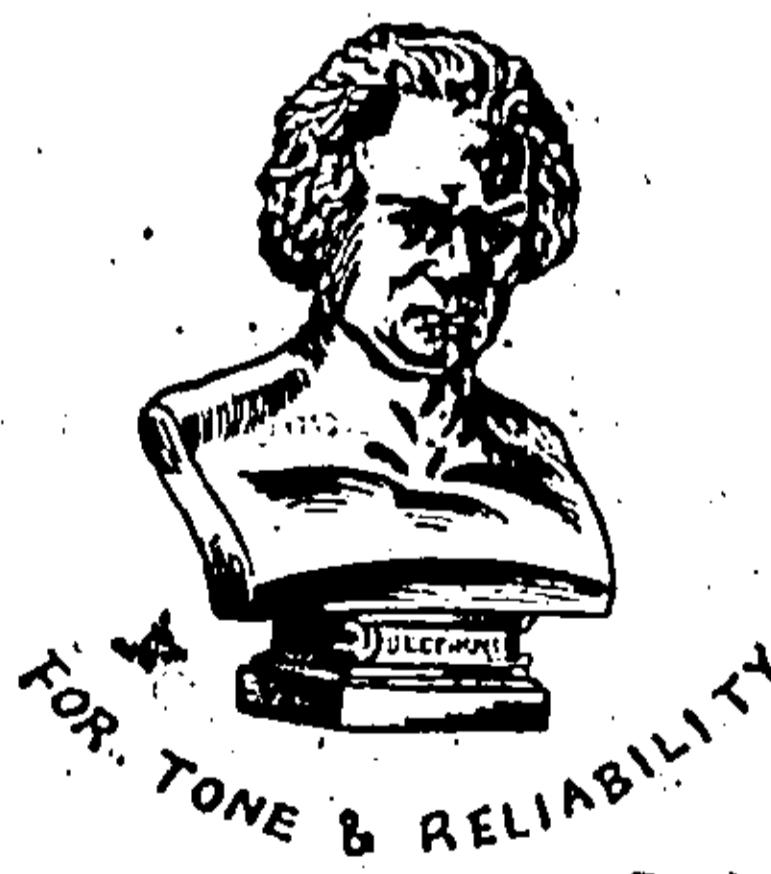
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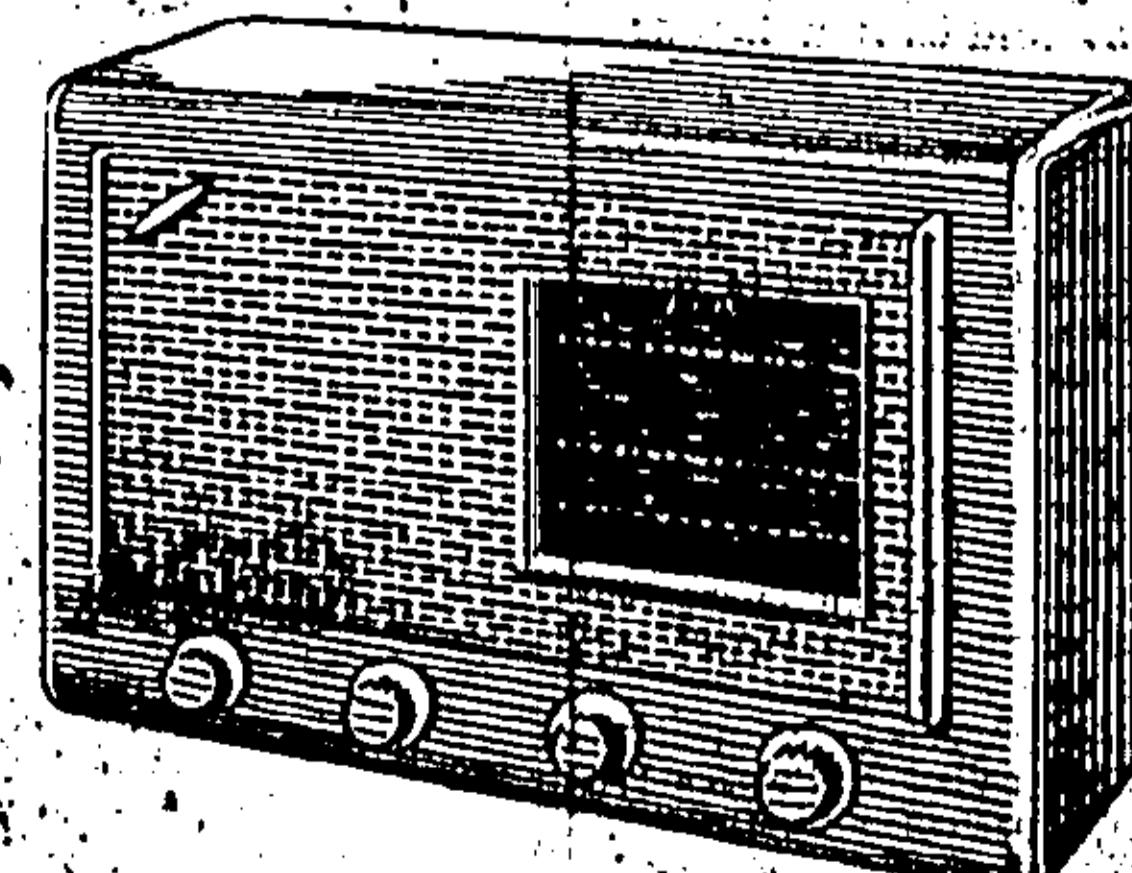
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MOTHER
SELLS
BABY BOY

Au Yeung-ping (34), married woman, and Wong Hong (65), widow, were discharged with a "severe caution" by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for taking part in the sale of a 4-year-old boy, Chan Tsai (alias Shek Lam-tsai) at 5 Yunnan Lane, first floor, on Nov. 1.

Inspector H. W. Fraser of the S.C.A. informed the Magistrate that, on Dec. 8, a Lady Inspector (Miss K) was making a house-to-house visit at Yunnan.

At 5 Yunnan Street, first floor, she found two girls, aged 14, who said that they were adopted daughters of first defendant. She also saw a small boy, Chan Tsai.

Questioned, first defendant said that the boy was presented to her on Nov. 1 by a woman, claiming to be his mother, to whom she gave \$250 "lucky money." A document of transfer was drawn up, said Mr. Fraser.

The second defendant, continued Mr. Fraser, said that the boy's mother went to her, begging. Knowing the first defendant, Wong brought the mother and boy to Au to see whether she wanted to adopt him.

The mother of the boy, Mr. Fraser said, had not been seen since. She was believed to have used the \$250 as capital for her hawk's business.

The boy had been very treated and given the family name. A feast was to be given in the country to celebrate his being taken into the family.

Mr. Fraser went on to point out that the registration of adopted sons was not compulsory, but many people did it. At present about 250 boys have been registered in the S.C.A.

His Department realised that the payment of "lucky money" for adoption was a common practice, but the amounts paid were usually small sums, and \$250 was rather out of the ordinary.

It was not, however, believed that defendants were professional traffickers.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., additional donation \$5,000. Messrs. Eu Tong Sen, Ltd. \$1,000. Messrs. S. J. David & Co., Ltd. \$100. Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Hooper \$70. Mr. & L. D. Pringle \$50. Miss Alice F. Kwok \$50. Equal H.K. Government Contribution \$6,270. Received to date: \$3,444,021.10.

KILLED BY FALL FROM ROOF

While sweeping the roof of 172 Cheung Sha Wan Road at 5.45 p.m. yesterday, Shum Shui-wai, 75, lost his balance and fell into the street below. He died before arrival at the Kowloon Hospital.

Sydney, Dec. 17. Department of Agriculture experts estimate 20,000,000 bushels of New South Wales wheat have been destroyed by rain.—Associated Press.

Electric Light Rates
To Be Reduced

Further reductions in charges to come into effect on Jan. 1st, 1948, were announced at the annual general meeting of the China Light & Power Co. Ltd. yesterday.

Lighting will be reduced from 44 to 40 cents a unit, power from 10 to 16 cents a unit.

Reductions will also be allowed on bulk rate contracts, and the rates for lighting and power, now ruling in the New Territories.

The Chairman (Mr. A. Raymond) announced a credit balance for the year of \$2,442,427.

A full statement of the Chairman's report will appear in tomorrow's issue.

Kavieng Massacre Trial:

Jap Rear-Admiral
To Be Hanged

Rear-Admiral Tamura Ryukichi, Officer Commanding the Japanese 14 Naval Base Force & 83 Naval Garrison Unit, at Kavieng, New Ireland, will be hanged for what was described as "a war crime par excellence, diabolically planned, efficiently executed and thoroughly and deliberately concealed for almost 18 months after the cessation of hostilities."

The No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court (Kowloon City) passed its verdict yesterday, thus ending a three-weeks' trial of six defendant former Japanese Navy members for the "Kavieng Massacre" of 23 Australian Internees, by strangulation and jujitsu and the dumping of their cement-weighted bodies in deep waters off Kavieng, in March, 1944.

Commander Yoshino Shozo was sentenced to 15 years' hard labour; Lt-Commander Mori Kyoji 20 years' hard labour; Lieutenant Mochizuki Hachitaro seven years' hard labour; Lieutenant Suzuki Shozo 12 years' hard labour; and Chief P.O. Horiguchi Yoshiro four years' hard labour.

The Court, consisting of Lt-Col. H. G. Quinn, DSO, ED (President), Lt-Col. J. T. Brock (Australian Army Legal Corps) and Major N. McCleod (Australian Light Horse) (Commando), opened yesterday morning at 9.30, after being adjourned from last Friday, with the closing addresses of the Prosecution Officer Major A. D. Mackay, Australian Div. SCAP, GHQ (Tokyo), and Defense Counsel Mr. Isao Konishi.

Major Mackay categorised the first four defendants as

being "accessories before the fact" and the other two "principals to the crime of mass murder or massacre."

Defence

Defence Counsel contended that first defendant Tamura was not criminally responsible and that his action was justified by the necessity of the war situation then at Kavieng.

The other five, he asserted, had no option but to obey their respective superiors' order, although they knew they were doing wrong.

The next trial before the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, will be that of the former commander of POW Camp at Hainan Island and 16 of his staff.

Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div. SCAP, GHQ (Tokyo) will prosecute.

The Japanese defence counsels, at present in the Colony, have asked for more time to prepare their case, and the trial is expected to be held on December 29.

WOMAN HURT IN TRICYCLE CRASH

Kong Lan, 27, married woman, residing at the Tung Shum Boarding House, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries sustained when the tricycle she was riding on overturned near the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank at 8.30 p.m.

The driver has been detained by the Police and will be charged this morning with driving a tricycle without a licence and driving without due care and caution.

An amendment by the Urban Council on Nov. 26 to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance 1935, introducing a permit fee for removal of exhausted remains, was approved by Legislative Council yesterday.

The following passengers arrived from Singapore and Bangkok by BOAC flying-boat on Tuesday: Messrs. J. T. Job, War Hing-lai, J. T. Marsh, Young-yeo-ming, Fairfax, R. Richardson, R. Moor, E. Soon Howe, M. A. Annett, M. L. Bevan, Kao Ping-shing, Tay Chee-nam, Lt/Col. Scaribbrick, Major J. Hague, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Foster Kemp, and Master Foster Kemp.

Now arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel include Messrs. L. A. Smith, J. D. Hague, F. W. Hamilton, G. Jack and S. Haddon.

Mr. N. F. Nicholson, Miss W. A. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Clarkin and Miss K. R. Orr have left the Peninsula Hotel.

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POLICE PHONE POSTS IN STREETS SOON

Actg. Commissioner of Police (Mr. W. La B. Sparrow) told a weekly press conference yesterday that a scheme is now under consideration for the introduction of street police telephone posts in the Colony.

Mr. Sparrow said that, when the equipment for these posts is available, they will be set up at road junctions and other spots most convenient for public use.

On the subject of robberies, Mr. Sparrow said that last month they totalled 22, including attempts and highway robbery.

INFORMATION WANTED

Will any person who witnessed the traffic accident on Saturday, Dec. 13th at about 10 a.m. at the junction of Salisbury Road and Canton Road, when a passenger on a lorry fell onto the road, please go to the nearest Police Station or Traffic Office, Hong Kong, or Kowloon, and report?

She Tried To Bargain In The Dock

"You cannot bargain here. You are not out shopping," Mr. Conklin told 10-year-old Wong-Tai, who, when she was told that she was to be fined \$50 for being in a prohibited area without a permit, smiled broadly at the Magistrate and said that she would pay \$25 as she could not afford to pay \$50.

Together with Wong was Chan King, on the same charge; she was bound over, to be of good behaviour for twelve months in a bond of \$25.

Mr. Conklin inquired into Wong's past record and found that she had three previous convictions for loitering and causing obstruction.

Instead of the fine, he ordered her to be recommended for banishment to Mui Yuen. Defendants were found by L/Cpl. Porter inside the gate Victoria Barracks, talking to the two sentries on duty.

Insp. H. Brownrigg stressed that the Military Police were having great difficulty keeping this type of woman out of the Barracks.

Protected Places' Ordinance

The Protected Places (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1947, to amend the principal ordinance of 1946, was passed by Legislative Council at its first meeting yesterday.

Introducing the Bill, the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said the principal ordinance, enacted last year, was designed to meet a social set of circumstances presented by the fact that certain places within the Colony which held valuable stores mainly for the Navy, Army and Air Force, were being subjected to considerable looting.

The ordinance was passed in order to give authorised guards under certain safeguards the right to use firearms for the protection of such places.

Clause 2 of the principal ordinance had by cross-reference declared the protected places for the purpose of the ordinance to be those "protected places so declared under Regulation 32 of the wartime Defence Regulations."

This regulation would expire on Dec. 31 this year, and the

Renewal Of Death Registers

The Bill to authorise the Registrar General of Births and Deaths to issue special lists for the purpose of recording deaths previously noted in specified registers has been passed in the Colony, passed its reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said it was similar to the Births Registration (Special Registers) Ordinance 1947, except that in this case it was simpler.

The last death registers were covered by two Ordinances, only those of 1936 and 1934. Instead of three.

The Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

New Police Pensions Bill

The Police Force (Retirement of Certain Officers) Ordinance, 1947, to provide for the payment of pensions or gratuities to officers of the Police Force who have elected to retire in circumstances which would not otherwise entitle them to pension or gratuity, passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Explaining the Bill, the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said that in 1941, the reorganisation of the Police Force, affecting a reduction in the European establishment of non-commissioned officers of the Police, was under consideration.

Since the liberation of the Colony this policy was continued.

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THE BIG FOUR BREAKDOWN

The real issue in the collapse of the Four Power Conference, is not so much German economic unity in the abstract as the problem of what to do with a Germany half of which is in the course of being geared into the Marshall Plan while the other half will be expected to wreck, oppose and sabotage that plan at every point. Under these conditions, there are only two ways in which German economic unity could be secured by agreement of all occupying Powers. One

would be that the whole of Germany should be excluded from the Marshall Plan, the other that the whole of Germany should be included. The first policy would strike a blow at the whole conception of the Marshall Plan. If the plan claims to be more than a co-ordinated dole, the claim rests on what it can do to promote the growth of a real community of interest, political and economic, in Western Europe, and for this the participation of Germany or at least Western Germany is completely and obviously essential. As to the second policy, imagination boggles at the task of devising a method by which the Russians would both keep a voice in German affairs and allow their own zone to become an integral part of a plan they believe to be aimed against them. In fact, to state the dilemma bluntly, it left no hope of settlement, no margin for adjustment on either side. Yet the breakdown need not too greatly disturb the Western powers so long as they remember it is not the final phase. Since the Marshall offer was made, a new factor has entered into the negotiations—recovery of economic initiative by the West—and provided the Western powers pursue their objective of Western economic revival with absolute single-mindedness they will find that opportunities for further parleying with the Russians will create themselves. The objectives of Mr. V.M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, in this meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers were very plain. He did not expect agreement on any of the major issues. And on the two issues which might have been settled at this meeting he did not want a settlement. He does not want an Austrian treaty yet. For he does not want to withdraw Soviet troops from Austria or Hungary or Rumania. And he thinks, moreover, that by holding on he can get better terms—from the Soviet point of view—from allies anxious to withdraw their garrisons and Austrians anxious to see an end of occupation and the partition of their country. Nor does he want for the present the one, and supremely important, step towards German unity which could be carried out immediately and effectively—the "breaking down of the zonal barriers." He could not openly oppose this; so he adopted the rather transparent device of insisting on linking an agreement to open zonal boundaries with an agreement on reparations of which he knew there was no chance this session. That raises another point that needs to be borne in mind. This was not a session to end all sessions, at least there is no greater evidence of it than that the last was the war to end all wars. There is, for instance, the American suggestion of a meeting between Stalin, Attlee and Truman, to devise an agreement which would supersede those of Potsdam, Yalta and the remainder. Moreover, the Council of Foreign Ministers is a permanent body. Mr. Marshall's action in calling for the adjournment of the London meeting was undoubtedly largely motivated by a desire to permit further thought upon the whole

Wingate's Squads. By the time the Arabs were ready to break into revolt, in 1936, Haganah numbered over 1,500 armed volunteers, built around a small number of supernumerary police constables recruited from Jewish farmers.

Under the late Orde Wingate, then a captain of artillery, Haganah resolved what would now be called Commando training, and scores of young Jews saw active service on the famous oil pipeline patrols carried out by Wingate's "Night Squads."

Among those who distinguished themselves was a young man named David Rezziel.

After the Arab revolt petered out in 1939, following the intervention of the King of Iraq, Saudi-Arabia, and Egypt, giving the rebels an opportunity to lay down their arms without humiliation, the British Colonial Minister, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, issued a White Paper

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So Irgun Began. This limited Jewish immigration to 75,000 over a period of five years, after which no more Jewish immigrants were to be allowed unless the Palestine Arabs agreed to it.

The Jews were furious. David Rezziel, followed by some 600 other young Haganah men, split off and formed the IRGUN ZVAL LEUMI, or National Military Organisation, dedicated to the principle that the British Forces in Palestine were here illegally because the White Paper was a breach of the mandate given to Britain by the League of Nations.

At the same time Haganah attacked British radar stations on Mount Carmel overlooking Haifa. Then Mr. Attlee declared that illegal arms must be dissolved in Palestine before the British Government would consider the implementation of the recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of on-the-spot fact-finders.

Haganah attacked frontier bridges in co-operation with the Stern and Irgun groups.

It was considered at this time that the Jewish Agency

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

There was an idle report here, current on Saturday last, that the Chinese of this place had concerted a rising simultaneously with the one on the part of the mob of Canton, who were to have set fire to the Factories and cut off the Residents. It was reported that double guards had been placed on all the outposts, and the Ceylon Rifles taken out to practice and afterwards marched through the town by way of a demonstration.

We have been at some pains to trace the report, and find it to have been altogether groundless.

The sentries were not doubled at any station, and the marching of the Rifles through the town had nothing whatever in it of a political character.

A procession was pursued by the Police and turned out to be an ordinary Chinese funeral.

The times are undoubtedly dangerous and eventful, and no precaution should be omitted on the part of our authorities to secure life and property in this island.

The Chinese, cowardly as they are, will run any risk if you will give them an opportunity of carrying it through by surprise, in the effect of which they are devout believers.

The establishment of a strong police station at East Point, in the godowns which formerly belonged to Ferguson, Leighton & Co., appears very judicious, as mounted orderlies may thus constantly scour the road to the eastward, up to the limits of the carriage drive.

problem in the various chanceries, including the Poliburo in Moscow, in the expectation that re-examination, plus intervening events, might compel the necessary spirit of compromise. The thing to do now is to accept the Soviet thesis of a divided world, and to work independently in the Western sphere towards economic recovery. In no other direction does any hope lie.

THE ARABS PREPARE FOR WAR

And Three Jewish Armies Are Ready To Face Them

By
 O'Dowd
 Gallagher

was intimately involved in this show of force by Haganah, and as a result, British troops and police occupied the Jewish Agency's headquarters at dawn on June 29, arrested many of its leaders, and began a wide search of Jewish settlements for Haganah arms.

From then onwards a state of approaching war continued between Irgun and the British security forces.

Haganah played little active part. But on July 23, 1946, the dynamiting of the King David Hotel by the Irgun killed more than 100 British, Arab, and Jewish officials and civilians.

According to Irgun, they had previously had permission from the Haganah to go ahead with the King David operation, following the British occupation of the Jewish Agency headquarters.

At the beginning of this year, official Jewish opinion began to harden against the terrorist groups, and last spring the first signs were seen of Haganah action against Irgun.

The hanging by the Irgun of Sergeant Police and Martin in a wood near Nathanya last July came as a climax to Irgun outrages.

Under One Flag

Despite the running amok of British personnel in Tel-Aviv that same night, with the killing of five Jewish civilians and the wounding or injury of another, a wave of revision shook the population.

Irgun activity ceased for a while, except for the attack with a Heath Robinson "land-torpedo" on Haifa police headquarters at the end of September.

During the past weeks, however, there have been reports that a united command of Haganah, Irgun, and the Stern Gang is to be set up, empowered to act against any Arab move to employ force in defiance of the UNO partition plan.

It is said that this move is delayed by the refusal of Menahem Begin, Irgun leader, to accept the subordinate role offered to him by Haganah.

On the other hand, the Stern Gang, dedicated to the ousting of Britain from Palestine, might seem to be preparing for dissolution.

For the time being, at any rate, the Stern Gang is reported to have decided to suspend their sporadic campaign of personal assassination in order not to give the British any excuse for staying in Palestine.

Irgun remains the greatest threat to peace in Palestine, during and after any British evacuation.

In the eyes of Jewish Agency leaders the fear is real that Irgun, once the British withdraw, can come out into the open and act as S.S. men, using the same tactics against the Jewish electorate as they used against the British.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

WHICH ONE USES IT?

Effectiveness of the Blackwood convention depends often on which of the partners uses it to inquire about the honors opposite him. The information about the total number of aces held by the side—or, perhaps, kings—may be much more useful to one of the pair than to the other. Ordinarily the deciding factor is the amount of trick-taking material, exclusive of top cards, in each hand. The fellow with the larger total assets of other kinds is generally in the more favorable position to determine the great resources of the entire pair, and hence more qualified to select the contract.

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 H. Q. 8. 5

D. K. Q. 7. 5. 2
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(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

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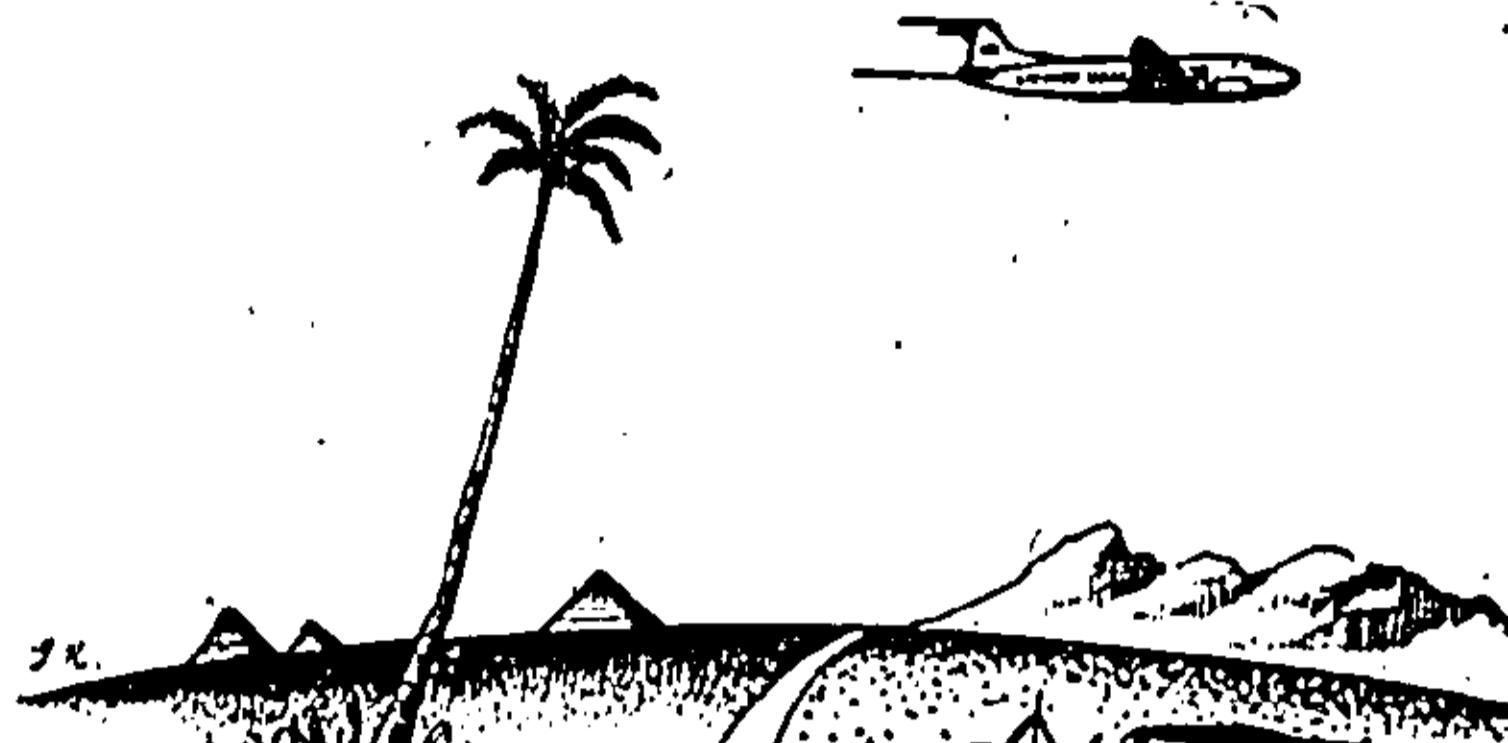
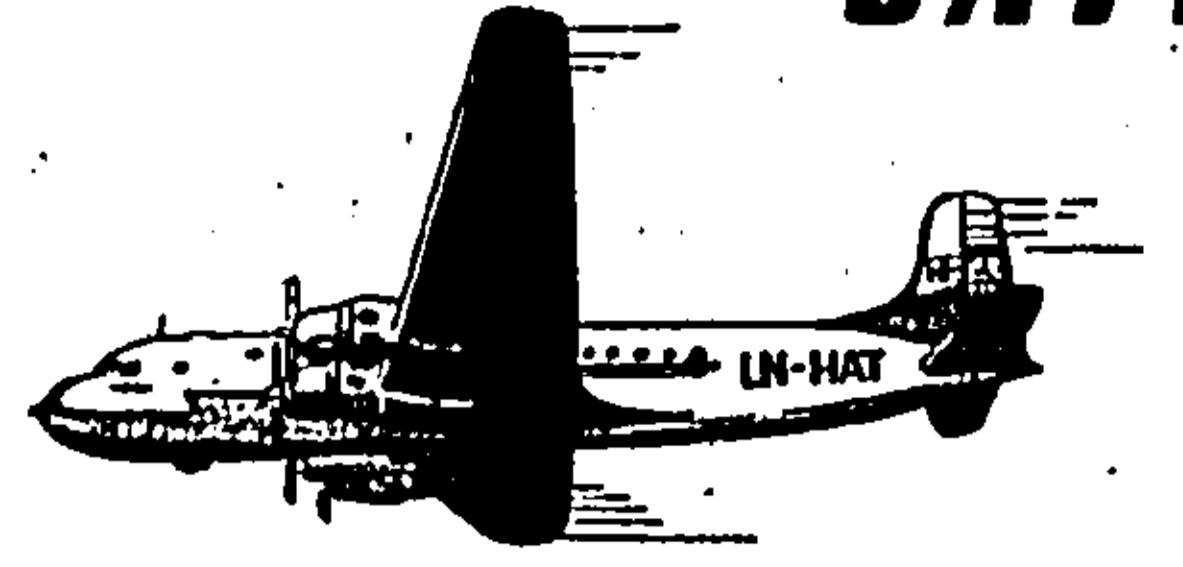
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COLLAPSE OF BIG FOUR

British Cabinet To Discuss New Situation

German People Anxious And Depressed

The collapse of the Big Four conference will probably be discussed by the British Cabinet at its meeting on Thursday. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is expected to make a statement on the subject in the House of Commons before Parliament adjourns for the Christmas recess.

Mr. Oliver Stanley on behalf of the Conservative Opposition, today asked the Government whether such a statement would be forthcoming, and there is a belief in certain quarters that the Conservatives may yet go further and ask for a pre-recess debate.

The British Cabinet fully discussed its attitude towards the main issues to be raised at the Foreign Ministers conference before the talks opened, and the understanding was that, if circumstances changed, Mr. Bevin would come back to the Cabinet for fresh discussions.

The general feeling among British political observers tonight is that Britain and the United States will have to do what they can to make "Bizonia" a success and will try to create a bizonal area by negotiations with France.

German Anxiety

Worldwide reaction today to the conference adjournment as reported in Reuter dispatches included:

Germany:—The Premiers of eight States of British and American zones, meet in Frankfurt at the end of the week to discuss the future German constitution, and it is possible that British and American commanders will be back from London in time to join the German Premiers' discussions.

German newspapers expressed the depression and anxiety felt over the future.

An executive of the German Social Democrat Party in Hanover, today described an American report that the Social Democrats were intending to start negotiations with the Christian Democratic Union for the creation of a Western State constitution as "wrong in every respect." Dr. Kurt Schumacher, stated:—"As everybody who thinks like a German had foreseen, the London conference proved that not the German wish for unity but the balance of power among the victorious nations is decisive for Germany's immediate future."

Wrong On Every Point

Reports abroad that two leading Western parties are going to bring about a Western German Government are wrong on every point. Responsibility for this must be put on the powers that participated in the London conference. It is not right to place the responsibility on Germans for the consequences of the disagreement in London."

He expressed his Party's hope that the adjournment would not mean an East-West break in Germany and the world, and declared that despite their severity, the Russian demands which led to the cessation of the talks, "should not be considered an insoluble problem."

Russia:—Moscow blamed a secret plan by the British and Americans to make the Soviet Union responsible for the failure of the London conference.

There was widespread disappointment among the Russian people, a Reuter dispatch from Moscow said.

Psychologically, the fact that Mr. George Marshall, whose name is linked with the "notorious" plan, led the American delegation, caused suspicion here from the start that the Americans, British and French planned to wreck any agreement.

U.S. Suggestion

America: Some American observers suggested that a Truman-Attlee-Stalin meeting be held. They argued that Generalissimo Stalin in his interview with Mr. Marshall earlier this year, made it clear that only after the Foreign Ministers had exhausted all avenues of compromise, could the heads of the States seek an agreement as a last resort.

France: The French newspapers, except those of the Communists, blamed M. Molotov for the breakdown.

Le Monde, the Conservative journal which often reflects the French Foreign Office views, said: "France has no choice but to cast her lot with Britain and the United States in the administration of Western Germany."

Vienna: Dr. Leopold Figl, the Austrian Chancellor and Foreign Minister, expressing his regret in the Austrian Cabinet meeting to day at the failure of the Foreign Ministers Conference said: "The Austrian people and their Government will not change their determination to fight for the sovereignty of Austria."

Berlin: Neither M. Molotov nor Marshal Sokolovsky, made any statement on their arrival in Berlin today, though high officials of the Soviet inspired German Socialist Unity Party, were gathered at the airport to meet them.

London, Dec. 17.—

The Foreign Office said today that no proposal for a three-power security pact had been made by the British, French and American Governments.

The spokesman also denied reports that a three-power conference to discuss economic problems for

West Germany had already been arranged to take place in Washington on

January 15.—Reuter.

French View

The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, holds out hopes of continued Big Four co-operation.

Speaking at a press conference here—first of the four leading participants to comment on the new situation—M. Bidault said: "It is my desire to leave the door open for all possible attempts at an overall settlement."

M. Bidault was replying to the question of whether the three western powers should now proceed to a settlement without Russia.

Asked if there would be another session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, M. Bidault said: "No date has been fixed but the institution exists for always and this is one of the good things one can find in the Potsdam Agreement."

No plans have been made for talks between Mr. Bevin, Mr. Marshall and M. Bidault before the departure of the two visitors, expected within the next 48 hours.

Despite these official declarations, usually well-informed quarters in London believe that the three Ministers may meet tomorrow to make immediate decisions on the future of Western Germany, writes Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent.

Merger Issue

Asked whether France will join the other two western zones, M. Bidault said today that a merger was possible but not inevitable or imperative.

"There may be a merger which is profitable for France and one which is not. I will choose the profitable one," he declared.

The treaty between the three western powers for the dismemberment of Germany had not yet been discussed, he said, but such a long term guarantee was of major importance to France.

M. Bidault listed four other guarantees which France hoped for—the economic detachment of the Saar, a federal regime for Germany, a special regime for the Rhineland, and the international control of the Ruhr.

Authoritative London quarters tonight made it clear that the collapse of the conference will in no way affect the impending trade agreement between Britain and Russia, Reuter's Political Correspondent writes.

This is regarded as purely a commercial agreement not affected by political issues.—Reuter.

SETBACK FOR UNO

Lake Success, Dec. 16.

United Nations diplomats today viewed the breakdown of the Big Four Foreign Ministers conference as a setback for the strife-weakened United Nations.

Diplomats maintain that world organisations cannot really work until the great Powers settle the peace and put their signatures on the German and Japanese treaties.

United Nations observers point to the utility of debating important issues like selection of the governor of Trieste, or international atomic energy control, or warfare in Indonesia so long as the Russians and Americans and British or the French feel compelled to use such issues in their bigger battle over the peace treaties.

The London failure even heightened the scepticism in some circles about apparent American-Russian harmony on Palestine that made possible the General Assembly decision to divide the Holy Land between Jews and Arabs.—United Press.

CHIANG'S GIFTS

Nanking, Dec. 17.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has bought 200 silk handkerchiefs costing more than CN\$14,000,000 for distribution among the Army Advisory Group as Christmas gifts, each embroidered with the character "Chiang," it was reported today.—United Press.

followed by a full conference of the 11 powers and the four major powers, namely Russia, the United States, Britain and China, the latter still retaining veto rights under the United Nations Charter.—Reuter.

Basis Of Plan For Germany

Frankfurt, Germany, Dec. 16.—The principal political leaders of the Anglo-American zones of Germany agreed today on a basic plan for creation of a Western Germany.

They met behind closed doors without the Communists.

The session met on the breakdown of the Foreign Ministers conference in London. Attending were the leaders of the Christian Social Union, the Social Democrats, and Liberal Democrats.

They accepted an invitation to confer with the Anglo-American zonal commanders, probably on Saturday.

Out of this conference may emerge a political organisation for the combined zones, to which the French zone may be added later. At any rate, the Germans expect to learn just how far they can go. The German leaders have mapped a detailed campaign designed to combat Soviet propaganda and influence in Germany.

The campaign is designed to win the support of 17,000,000 Germans in the Russian zone away from Communism.

Their plans call for a democratically-elected Government dedicated to "western ideas and principles of freedom." They

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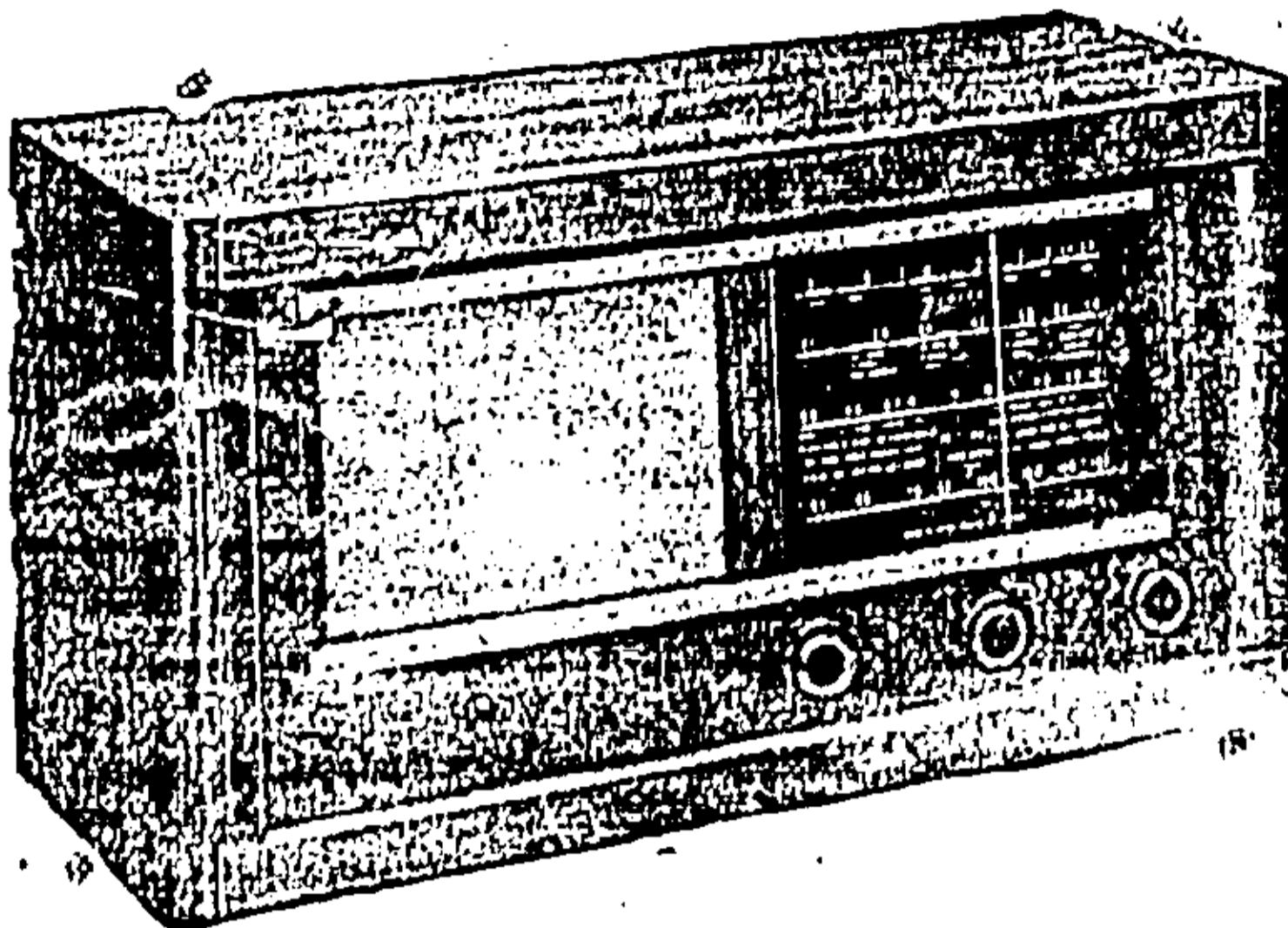
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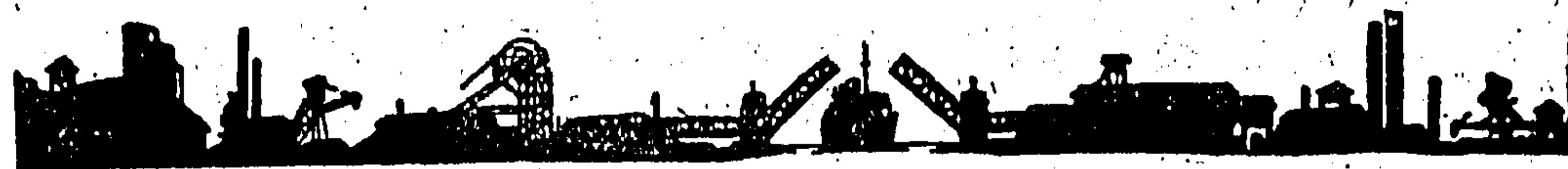
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ENGINEERING PAGE

WOES OF
U.S. STEEL
INDUSTRY

The woes of the harassed American steel industry has been magnified by higher freight rates, rising scrap prices and the "galling" of scrap material, according to "Iron Age" metal-working weekly.

Granting of emergency freight rate boosts, the publication said, means that "a further withdrawal by steel firms from distant markets is a certainty because present steel-making costs will not stand too much of an increase in freight absorption by steel companies.

A few scrap dealers are reported to have put concrete, dirt and other foreign matter into steel scrap. This has been loaded into presses which bale sheet steel into No. 2 steel bundles, which bring the same price as heavy melting steel. So serious has the practice become that responsible scrap men have strongly protested with a warning that it poses a threat to the entire scrap industry.

"At one steel mill alone it was indicated that 10,000 tons of steel were lost as a result of 'foreign matter' in bundled scrap. Since this producer has been making his steel from a charge including about 60 per cent hot metal and 25 per cent scrap generated in his own plant, the high ratio of foreign matter in some of the bundles bought on the outside was particularly obvious."

Most steel consumers, the Weekly added, "are behind the 'tight-ball'" so far as their December steel supplies are concerned. Many companies have made substantial reductions in the quotas they set up originally for the final 1947 quarter, and many large fabricators will not get the steel supplies they were promised some time ago.

Customers have three alternatives, in view of the rapidly diminishing steel deliveries: (1) they can turn to the gray market; (2) arrange for conversion by buying ingots or semi-finished steel, or (3) choose a substitute.

The gray market and conversion deals, the weekly said, "are now being played to the limit. Metal consumers are now realizing that the only undeveloped source with which they can augment their supplies lies in the replacement of steel by other products, and aluminum is being no slouch in this situation."

—United Press.

Unique
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For Buyers

A unique service for buyers in search of oil engines is provided by a catalogue issued by the British Internal Combustion Engine Manufacturers' Association.

The catalogue is primarily a scientific and technical reference book which lists and classifies 2,000 different engines. It sets out to offer each oil engine on a basis of what the customer needs and avoids boasting any one maker's design or trademark. It is the first time that makers have combined in such an enterprise.

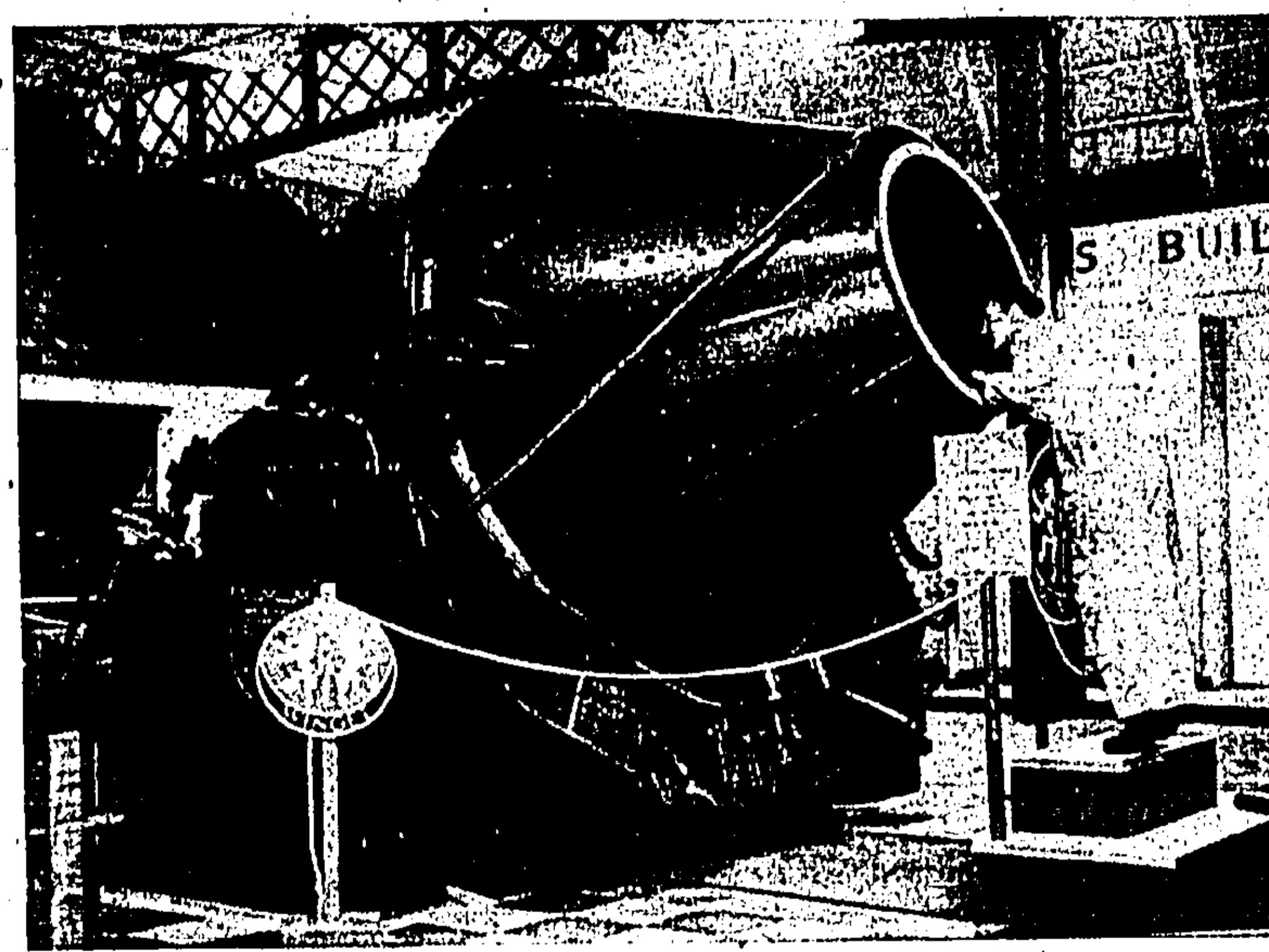
In all, 33 firms from all parts of the United Kingdom have combined to offer overseas buyers factual information on the types of engines available from British workshops. They have pooled their knowledge of the trade to make a catalogue despite the fact that they are among the most highly competitive businesses in the country.

Sir Lynden Macassey, Independent Chairman of the Association, describes the issue of the list as a step towards overcoming the difficulty that, in the past, the British Government has not been able to guarantee delivery. In the past the Government has been able merely to refer overseas buyers to separate manufacturers. This catalogue goes far to meet the problem.

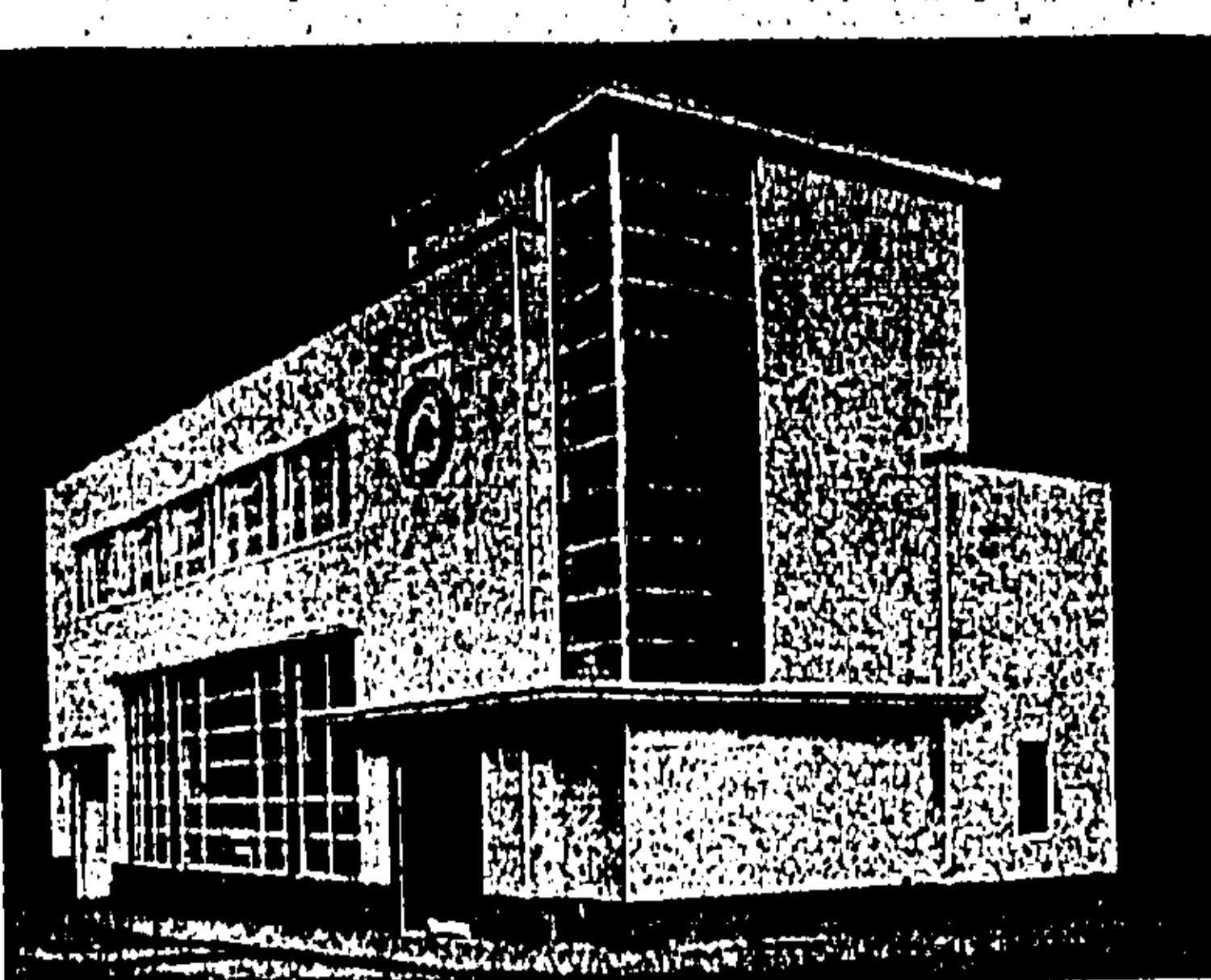
Sir Lynden pointed out that the supremacy of British engineers in this field is illustrated by the fact that no less than 92% per cent of the total value of production of the internal combustion engine industry goes into the export market.

Two 100 K.W. short-wave transmitters are to be installed at Hoerby in South Sweden at a cost of more than \$110,000 by the Maycon Wireless Telegraph Company of Chelmsford, Sweden has recently placed a contract with the British Marconi Company for transmitters for communication with European and American long and short-wave telegraph countries.

Giant Concrete Mixer



Among the exhibits at the Building Exhibition now being held at Olympia is this giant 10-ton concrete mixer made by Winget of Rochester. This is the biggest concrete mixer manufactured in Britain and gives an output of 1 cubic yards of concrete per batch. (Photo by Arthur Jones.)



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Manila: Dec. 19, Cathay Pacific, noon.
Dec. 10, Cathay Pacific, noon.
Shanghai: Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.
Dec. 20, HK Airways (Capt. Ballantine), 3.30 p.m.
Singapore (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai): Dec. 18, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.
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Singapore: Dec. 20, BOAC (Capt. Blackaller), 7.30 a.m.
Bangkok: Dec. 20, Pan-American, 2.15 p.m.
Manila: Dec. 18, CPA, 1 p.m.
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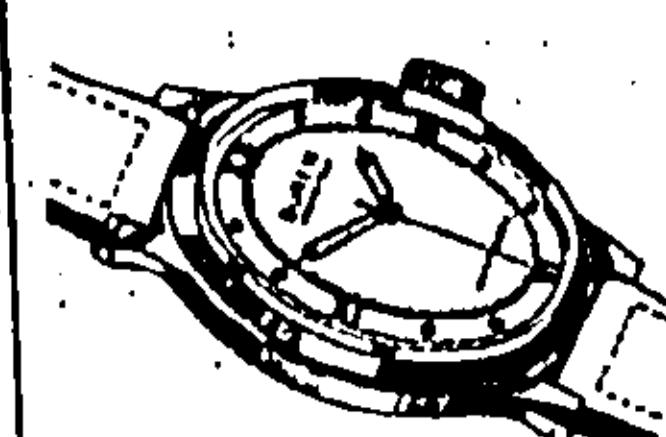
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Toll Of The Cold In S'hai

Shanghai, Dec. 17. The bodies of ten adults and 131 children were picked up in Shanghai streets in the last two days—the first Shanghai cold spell.

It is believed exposure is one of the main causes of death, although most of the bodies of children are believed to have been abandoned due to the high cost of burial.—United Press.

Stage Set For Swiss Olympics

Saint Moritz (Switzerland), Dec. 17. Switzerland is all set to stage the Winter Olympics from January 30 to February 8.

The Press Commission of the Swiss Olympic Committee reports indications are that there will be 2,200 competitors, officials and press, radio and film representatives here for the games.

Originally 1,600 persons in these categories were expected.

Approximately 200 newsmen, 40 photographers and 22 movie operators have asked for credentials.

The Alpine Combination will be one of the most popular events at the Winter Olympics if a tabulation of preliminary entries is indicative.

Twenty-one countries are stated to compete.—Associated Press.

After two Clark days because of rain, play in the second Test between Australia and India was resumed today—the fifth day. At the close of play, India had scored sixty one runs for seven wickets in their second innings. Australia had made 107 for their first innings, and India 188.

The Australians collapsed to India's tame bowling.

With rain and sunshine, the Australians found it a difficult wicket today, which could be called sticky like the one in Brisbane.

Amaranth made the ball kick up, but without luck, for he failed to get more than one wicket.

Mankad at Brisbane and here failed to take advantage of the conditions and bowled with poor length and direction.

Phadkar, with off spinners, took full advantage of the pitch, getting Miller, who played the best cricket.

The later Australian batsmen gave the impression of hitting out to get out and put India in while the wicket was still giving help.

Bradman Bowled

Hazare bowled Bradman with an inswinger, and, getting Hassett well taken by Adhikari at silly mid-off, put an end to any prospect that Australia had of playing out the difficult times of the wicket.

Hazare bowled well and fully deserved four wickets, as he received very little help from the pitch.

India batted on a wicket very easily pacified. For some unknown reason, Amarnath changed the batting order, sending Amir Elahi to open the innings.

The Test match was reduced to the level of the village green with rain as an opening bat.

If Amarnath wanted runs quickly, why was Sarwate, who made three runs in 70 minutes, number three?

India, as the result of the change of batting order and timid play, lost a great opportunity, and are now in a position to lose the match.

Lindwall in six innings has taken Mankad's wicket six times, three times with yorkers.

Tied In Knots

Bill Johnston and Ian Johnson tied the Indian batsmen in knots. Johnston bowled with a slower pace, making the ball break away. He had all the batsmen worried with his spin and inswing, with dip and yorkers.

Johnson, with flight and spin, bowled maiden after maiden. He fully deserved his two wickets and was unlucky not to get more. These two bowlers are likely to be successful on English wickets.

Lindwall and Miller, with their pace, gave no respect to the Indian batsmen. Australia batted poorly on a difficult wicket.

The Australian players, with wickets covered for state matches, have little experience of wet wickets.

THE SCORES

AUSTRALIA

	FIRST INNINGS	18
W.A. Brown, run out	18	
A. Morris, lbw, b. Amarnath	10	
D.S. Bradman, b. Bazaré	13	
A.L. Hassett, c. Adhikari, b.	6	
Hazare	6	
K. Miller, lbw, b. Phadkar	17	
R. Hamence, c. Adhikari, b.	25	
Mankad	1	
Ian Johnson, lbw, b. Phadkar	9	
C. McCool, b. Phadkar	0	
R. Lindwall, b. Hazare	0	
Donald Tallon, c. Irani, b.	6	
Hazare	0	
W. Johnston, not out	2	
Extras		
Total	107	

INDIA

	First Innings 108.	13
SECOND INNINGS		5
Amir Elahi, c. Miller, b. W. Johnston	13	
V. Mankad, b. Lindwall	5	
C.T. Sarwate, c. Ian Johnson	3	
b. W. Johnston	0	
Gul Mohammed, c. Bradman, b. Ian Johnson	5	
D.G. Phadkar, c. Tallon, b. Miller	2	
V. Hazare, not out	13	
L. Apurmath, c. Morris, b. Ian Johnson	14	
G. Oshenhand, c. McCool, b. W. Johnston	0	
Extras	6	
Total	61	
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Wong Sam-chui, 20, and Leung Hung, 26, alleged to be two of the four armed men who attempted to rob the residence of Mr. Hooi Yip-beng, Manager of the Overseas Chinese Bank, at 9:55 p.m. on Monday, appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

They were charged with armed robbery (with Chan Pui and Li Fuk, not in custody) at 33 Nathan Road, first floor, and with possession of a toy pistol, arms and ammunition, and a dagger.

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The accommodation in the hall is limited to 200 and members of the Sino-British Club will be the same for officers and men. The admission should make a considerable sum of the cost, and

Filipino Pesos On New Bantamweight

Manila, Dec. 17. Filipinos take their boxing seriously and at the moment are putting their pesos down on young bantamweight Tirso del Rosario to lift Manuel Ortiz's world bantamweight crown in the Rizal Memorial Stadium on the night of December 20.

They like the rangy, 26-year-old Far Eastern University student's string of 22 knockouts or technical knockouts in 24 starts.

Ten of these fights were amateur bouts which lifted Tirso to the featherweight championship of the Philippines.

The odds were three to one that Ortiz would retain his title, but considering the inexperience of his opponent, they were surprisingly low.

Tirso's backers look to him to become the fifth Filipino to win the world title.—Associated Press.

Footballers Urged To Assist Police

Clubs will be severely dealt with if they do not co-operate with the Police to control grounds, decided the full meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association, held in the board room of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank yesterday.

The Hon. A. Morse, president, was in the chair.

Col. Reynolds, on behalf of the Army, said that the Police had since withdrawn the letter to them, as they were in no way to blame.

He asked that this be recorded in the minutes.

All the clubs concerned gave excuses and, at the end, Mr. J. Skinner proposed that a member of the Police force be co-opted to the League Management Committee, as such member would then have full knowledge of what was going on in the Association and could advise on any points.

Mr. Halg Brown was elected.

Several other points in connection with ground and crowd control were discussed.

Election

The following were elected to serve on the Interport committee in connection with the forthcoming interports with Shanghai and Manila:

Mr. J. MacKillop, Mr. H. K. Lee, Mr. A. Clarke, Mr. A. Macalpine and Mr. L. Louey.

At the meeting it was revealed that a sum of over \$2,000 had been donated by clubs to the "Parcels for Britain Fun."

H.K. Trade Statistics

The following will represent I.R.C. in a friendly Cricket game against H.M.S. "Tamar" on Saturday at Soukoupoor.

S.A. Ismail (Captain), A.R. Abbas, A. el Arculi, M.I. Razack, A.K. Ismail, K. Lalchand, K. Nazar, A.R. Suffiadi, A.R. Kitchell, Reserve—A.R. Minu.

The following will represent Club de Recreo against the H.K. Garrison on Saturday at Soukoupoor in a friendly Cricket game—Dr. E.L. Gossano (Capt.), A.M. Prusa, A.P. Petreia, Jr., P.M.N. da Silva, Jr., L.G. Gossano, E.A.R. Alves, M.D. Rodriguez, A. Osmund, L. d'Almada Remedios.

Imports during the first eleven months of 1947 amounted to a declared value of \$167,850,276 as compared with \$89,017,748 in the month of November, 1946. The figures include Government sponsored cargoes.

Exports of merchandise totalled a declared value of \$123,880,561 as compared with \$83,116,024.

Imports during the first eleven months of 1947 amounted to a declared value of \$1,372,000,042 as compared with \$820,000,073 in the first eleven months of 1946.

Exports totalled \$1,091,754,042 as compared with \$693,199,392.

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are also given to the Governor-in-Council because by clause 7 it is provided that the Governor-in-Council, after consultation with the advisory committee, and if he considers it to be in the public interest so to do, may order any licensed bank to produce books, accounts and documents; to delete from its name the description "bank"; to restrain from carrying on banking business; and to return for cancellation the licence which it had obtained from the Governor-in-Council to do banking business.

"Necessary ancillary provisions in the Bill provide that there shall be an annual licence fee payable by a licensed bank on the second day of each calendar year to the amount of \$6,000.

"There is power upon application to a magistrate to obtain a search warrant, to authorise entry into premises if there is reasonable suspicion that contravention of the Ordinance is taking place.

Penalties

"Finally, by clause 16 there is provision for penalty both upon summary conviction and upon trial on indictment.

"Most importantly, I would add, the Bill is designed to apply not only to organisations which in the future may desire to do banking business, but also to organisations which had such business at the time of the commencement of this Ordinance.

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CHRISTMAS MAIL

Christmas Supplement

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1947.

THE CHRISTMAS GLOW Let's Do Our Best To Hold On To It This Year

Christmas is a time of gladness and rejoicing, of faith reborn.

Why then do we let it pass from us so quickly? Can we not do something to help it stay with us longer? We are speaking, of course, not of the outward symbols of Christmas so familiar to all of us, but of its real and inner spirit, which is the very heart of Christmas.

Think back now to last Christmas. Tired though you may have been and worn out physically when the day was over, you were, if only for that one day, a better person. You felt better inside, you tried to make those around you happy and share in the meaning of the occasion. Then came Thursday and much of that wonderful feeling was gone—all of it for some people.

It is said that on December 26 of each year Christmas, for most people, has passed. They have nothing to show but the after-Christmas letdown and the return to old ways. "It was nice while it lasted," they say, "but now let's get on to other things."

How Many?

Why should we let it pass from us so quickly, if at all? Ought we not hold onto that Christmas glow, letting the spirit which fills us and motivates us on this one great day remain with us for many to come?

You remember the familiar words of the Christmas story found in the 19th and 20th verses of Luke's second chapter:

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

How many people, like Mary, ponder these deep things of

Christmas in their hearts? How many, like the shepherds, return from the church services and the Christmas story, really glorifying and praising God for all the things they have heard and seen?

These feelings of Mary, of the shepherds and of all whose lives were touched by this amazing incident in history—the birth of the Christ child—didn't come to an end with Christmas night, but lived on, making them better people—gloriously happy and filled with a new attitude toward life.

If we want to look upon this whole experience of Christmas as just an exciting, colourful celebration, something we get all steamed up about once a year and pour into a few hectic hours, we might as well forget about it as far as any religious significance is concerned.

But if there is any truth at all in the premise that there is a living message and strength for us in the Christmas experience, then we too, now in our time, can grasp some of the feeling of Mary and the shepherds.

What It Can Do For Us

Living in the Christmas glow is something we should want to do throughout the year, not just because of the immediate uplift it gives us but because of what it can do for us every day of our lives. Not to live amid the endless trappings and hectic preparations but amid the spirit and message of it; the glorious and thrilling message that a Saviour has come to us, to give us a rebirth of mind and spirit, to save us from the mean and low and degrading things of life and to inspire us to that which is fine and good—to bring into

the world through us a sense of hope, of courage, of inspiration and of faith. If Christmas hasn't meant this to us, then we have lost its meaning and the days ahead may be lacking in joy, faith and power.

Let us keep the glorious message of Christmas glowing within us, shield it, because it is bound to burst into a flame, lighting and warming our lives.

Like the shepherds, we must be anxious and willing to look for Jesus each day. When He does come to us, when we find Him, just as with the shepherds, we've got to make that experience the most important thing in our lives.

Eternal Hope

We can go on living in the Christmas glow and have it to cheer us, comfort us, encourage us, uplift us through the year, if we keep alive its spirit of giving to others—the spirit of cheering, helping, of giving our selves in thought as well as in substance. For it is in such an attitude and spirit that others will see Christmas and its message, its meaning and its eternal hope, living in us.

If we can do these things, the spiritual glow and warmth of Christmas will be ours every day.

But the power of Christmas is not confined to our personal lives, and personal happiness is not our sole reward. That may be our greatest concern in life even though oftentimes it can be quite selfish. But more than this, here in Christmas and its eternal message is the source of power for achieving the kind of world we want and need. We must keep that spirit of Christmas alive and nourish it if we want that world of peace and good will of which the angels sang.



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AN AMUSINGLY WRITTEN SHORT STORY ABOUT MRS. BLOGGS

ABIRD FOR CHRISTMAS

It was late—very late—on Christmas Eve and an anxious little party of people sat round the fire in Mrs. Bloggs' cosy kitchen. Mr. Bloggs was nodding a little sleepily, Ethel, his daughter, was knitting frantically at a woollen waistcoat she was finishing for Christmas, and Mrs. Iggylden, Mr. Bloggs' sister, wondered if she dared suggest putting more coal on the dying fire.

"It's no good expectin' Mordie now," said Mrs. Bloggs after a long silence, "I know all along she'd never manage a bird."

"I've never known Mordie fail yet," said Mordie's Mother stoutly, "Set 'er on to any man you like and she'll get anything she wants out of 'im. If she says she'll get a bird for you, get it she will, if it takes 'er all night."

Mrs. Bloggs shook her head sadly. "I thought a bird was too much to ask," she said mournfully. "And 'ow to make the pork go round tomorrow. I'm sure I don't know. If only we hadn't got 'im! The foreman came to dinner, I ran in, a bit of pork would do for us but it's hardly the thing to lay before a foreman."

"Eric, she is."

Mrs. Bloggs got up, trudged sleepily to the front door bell rang sharply.

Everyone sat up eagerly as Mordie Iggylden came in rather wearily from the darkness outside.

"Here's your bird," she said. "And I got it for nothin', too!"

She dropped a wicker basket on the table with a thud. From it protruded the limp head of a handsome grey goose.

"For nothin'!" Mrs. Bloggs stared at the bird distrustfully. "What's the matter with it?"

Mordie, who was tired and rather edgy, looked across at her angrily.

"Go on! Sniff at it!" she said. "I go and spend hours making up to a red-headed poultier so as to get a bird for our Christmas dinner and you start pickin' 'ole in it."

"Mr. Bloggs, with whom golden-haired Mordie was a great favourite, put his arms round her shoulders affectionately.

"Your Auntie didn't mean no 'arm, duck," he said. "You done splendid. Tell us 'ow you managed it."

"I know. I've seen 'er at it," said Mordie's proud Mother. "She's just not to look up into a feller's face and flap 'er eyelashes at 'im and 'e was in 'er 'ands."

Mordie smiled.

"Men's easy enough to manage," she said. "All you've got to do is to ferret round and find out their weak spot, and you've got 'em. Everybody's got their weak spot. Every man, at any rate."

"And what's the poultier's weak spot, You?" Mrs. Bloggs spoke a little sharply. She could not help reflecting the fact that Mordie's golden radiance put her quiet mouse-like Ethel in the shade.

Mordie grimaced.

"It's all very well for all of you to make fun," she said. "But I ain't 'alf 'ad a job. It's no easy work tryin' to catch the attention of a feller 'oo'd droorin' chickens with one 'and, as you might say, and tryin' to save 'imself from bein' clawed to death by angry 'ousewives with the other. What some women'll do for food is amazin'!"

"You must 'ave done somethink pretty drastic yourself to win a goose like that," Mr. Bloggs stroked the limp grey head admiringly.

"I did," Mordie giggled suddenly.

"I told 'im—in delicate language, of course—that I'd 'ad a goin' passion for 'im for months."

"Mordie, you didn't!" Her cousin Ethel's plain face flushed a dull purple with horror.

"I did," Mordie smiled reminiscently. "And I told 'im I was bein' forced by my cruel Mum to go out with a man I 'ated because 'e was rich and a greengrocer in 'is own right."

"Oh, Mordie!" Mrs. Iggylden looked reproachfully at her daughter. "As I 'ad to force you to do anythink?"

"I made you out a perfect geese of a Mother," Mordie patted Mrs. Iggylden's shoulder affectionately. "But I've treated him so off-hand till now that I 'ad to think of some excuse. Even then it took hours to bring 'im round. 'Im 'avin' a drop of Scotch in 'is blood on the Mother's side. And then I started droppin' a pathetic picture of me sittin' beside the 'ed greengrocer at Christmas dinner, and yearnin' for my own Highland Ladde."

That shook 'im, but I shouldn't 'ave landed the goose even then only for a lucky accident..."

"What was that?" Her uncle asked amusingly.

"Well, 'e was givin' a woman some change when 'e suddenly snatched back a 'alfpenny 'e'd given 'er by mistake. Polished quite smooth it was. And all of a sudden it came to me."

The man was a 'alfpenny' addled. So I told 'im 'e'd 'ad to go to the Walworth Wonder comin' to dinner. Shoved the finest 'alfpenny for miles around, I said. You 'ouldn't 'ave seen 'is eyes! After that, it was simple. You could tell 'e'd do anything to meet the Walworth Wonder. To get an invite to dinner tomorrow. 'E'd 'ave given me a 'alfpenny if 'e'd 'ad it."

"But, Mordie, we 'aven't got a 'alfpenny' addled comin' to-morrow," objected Ethel, her eyes round with disapproval.

"I know that," Mordie answered sharply. "But if you'd stood in a cold shop, like a red-headed poultier for hours you'd 'ave been ready to tell him anythink—same as I was." I shall let 'im think Uncle's Foreman, the champion, and 'e'll 'ust all 'elp me to keep 'em apart, that's all."

"I don't see it matters once the bird's ate," Mrs. Bloggs said.

"Cousin 'e does," Mordie said heatedly. "Why, my honour's at stake. If you want the chap to think I'm a 'ill..."

There was a succulent smell of roasting goose when the poultier arrived—somewhat early the following day and Mordie's Mother was nodding a little sleepily. Ethel, his daughter, was knitting frantically at a woollen waistcoat she was finishing for Christmas, and Mrs. Iggylden, Mr. Bloggs' sister, wondered if she dared suggest putting more coal on the dying fire.

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The Foreman, Mr. Dibble and his wife were the last to arrive. Mrs. Dibble was a very ample lady who had on a bright blue dress and creased as she moved, and her husband had a high, bald forehead, a ginger moustache, and a breadth of shoulder which may possibly have seemed to the poultier to indicate an aptitude for manly sports, for the sight of

men and apples that had been his contribution to the feast and she realized that she was in danger of losing both her admirers.

"This is what comes of doing any-one a favour," she thought bitterly. "Another year Auntie can get her own bird."

She could not enjoy the luscious goose and the apple sauce and the stuffing because the avid poultier's ardent longing for converse with the supposed shov-halfpenny champion kept her constantly on the watch.

She ate her dinner in gulps and felt that a violent fit of indigestion would certainly ensue.

Suddenly, after the pudding, there came a lull in the conversation and the poultier seized his opportunity.

"Am I r-r-right in thinking, Sirre—" he began in a louder voice than ever, and Mr. Dibble looked up poll-tely.

Mordie shuddered. Her hour was upon her. She jumped up, ostensibly to reach a bottle of beer and actually pushed it over. Everybody explained as a stream of amber-coloured liquid poured quickly into Mrs. Dibble's turquoise blue lap.

"Oh Mrs. Dibble, I am sorry!" Mordie cried out. "Come in the scullery and let me sponge it at once!"

She and Ethel accompanied the flustered Mrs. Dibble to the scullery. Mordie breathed a sigh of relief as she sponged the stain with warm water. If the poultier was going to find her out she would not be there to meet his scornful gaze. She would go to bed, and indeed she felt she would be very glad to get there. She was sick of men and never wanted to see one again.

She could hear the poultier's strident tones floating back from the kitchen.

"Am I r-r-right in thinkin', Mr. Dibble, that you are—like myself—a devotee of the noble art of shov-halfpenny?"

Over the head of the tearful Mrs. Dibble Mordie's eyes met Ethel's in mute despair.

"'Us' came a hoarse whisper from Mr. Dibble. "I suppose you must 've seen me picture in the Walworth Weekly Wire. I beat the Twickenham Tweaker by eight points till all last Tuesday week. But I keep it secret. If the old lady wa' 'ear of it I'd 'ave shoved me last 'alfpenny. She didn't 'ld with sport!"

Mordie, looking down at Mrs. Dibble dabbing distractingly at her dress, could quite believe it. She herself felt so relieved that she was almost faint. She could have kissed Mr. Dibble—red face, ginger moustache, bald head and all. Ethel was looking at her admiringly over Mrs. Dibble's bent head.

"'Overwe' did you know?" she whispered.

"'Ah!" smiled Mordie. "There's a lot of things I know but don't tell."

The next morning, although the stores are crowded with people returning gifts, the manager of the men's shop is very nice.

Luckily he found the same shirt in the right sleeve size. "I haven't done much shopping in men's clothes," Jane tells him. "Madame," he explains, "let me give you a few hints. Our greatest trouble with women buyers is to get the size right."

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Why Buy Gifts for Exchange?



By ROSE ZELIGS

large, and extra large. If you know the size suit a man wears, the clerk can always tell you what size pyjamas or robe to buy. Get the height, weight, and waist-line measurements. Take a pair of your husband's trousers. Carefully measure the waistline. To get the length measure the inseam. Write down the measurements on a card and keep it for future reference. Look in his shoes. Look at his socks to get the exact size. That's all there is to it. He may like it.

In the dress department Mom quickly finds her size in the same style dress but it is often instead of blue. "It's pretty and I'll take it," she decides. For once she is thankful that her husband is colour-blind. "I'm sorry to trouble you, but my husband still thinks I wear the same size I did when he married me thirty years ago."

The saleswoman nods her head. "I've been in this business for forty years. Nine out of every ten dresses sold to men are returned. They'll say, 'She's about as big as that girl standing over there.' All they want is to take a home, with the privilege of exchange if it doesn't suit."

I was informed by various department stores that wrong size is the chief reason for returning gifts. Next to size is colour.

When you spot some exciting ornament or attractive picture, it's fun to surprise your friend with a gift. But will it fit in with Virginia's home furnishings? When in doubt, buy to please the gift is intended.

When buying accessories like purses or gloves, note the color of coats and suits with which they will be worn. Some women like large purses while others prefer smaller ones. Note the size and style that seems to appeal to the woman for whom the gift is intended.

"Do people like to give merchandise orders or gift certificates?" I asked a buyer.

"Well, people like to give a thing they can see. With merchandise order they buy what they can use. Soon many new things will be on the market and some people would rather wait. A merchandise order is always safe even if it isn't exciting."

When you give a gift, let it be out of a desire to bring pleasure to the recipient.

Christmas

To Be Televised

Novelties and old favourites will be combined in Britain's television programme this Christmas so as to appeal both to the regular army of viewers and the great influx of newcomers and Christmas guests who may be "seeing" radio for the first time. The festivities really begin on Sunday, December 21 with a Christmas Children's Hour introducing Puppet Variety and a Christmas story. Children of all ages will be catered for on the same evening with a full-length version of "Toad of Toad Hall", the Kenneth Grahame fantasy.

The Christmas spirit will gather strength on Monday, December 22 with a Christmas cartoon programme and an all-conjuring session arranged by the Magicians' Circle. Next day the theme will be Christmas cookery before the cameras, illustrated hints for the much harassed housewife, arranging decorations and the Christmas dinner; there will also be a musical programme by Gerald and his Concert Orchestra—the largest musical combination (45 players) that can be accommodated in the television studios.

On Christmas Eve the outstanding item will be the ancient Coventry Nativity Play, said to be 700 years old, which in its long history has been performed in churches, travelling theatre booths, farmhouses, barns and quite recently in the crypt of the blitzed cathedral of Coventry.

On Christmas Day one of the television mobile units will be operating at the famous "Star and Garter" Home for Wounded Ex-Servicemen at Richmond, near London, where the men have their factory for the commemorative poppies which are sold each year on Armistice Day. Nat Allen, one of the most popular television dance band leaders, will be there with his Orchestra to accompany the men and their nurses in a song session after Christmas dinner.

Boxing Day will be a great day for the children, with two visits—afternoon and evening—to the ever popular Bertram Mills Circus from the sawdust ring at Olympia, London. Two more visits to the Circus will be one of the big features on Christmas Saturday.

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HOW TO HAVE FUN AT A PARTY

You're invited to a party—a wonderful Christmas party the very thought of which makes you practically perish with joy—but at the same time you are also practically perishing with fright. You're afraid because you have no confidence in yourself. Oh, yes, you can think of the cleverest things to say and the most interesting ways to act but always too late—after the party is over. So now you are invited to this big holiday party and the closer the wonderful night approaches, the more frightened you become.

Well, that's not sensible. Don't be afraid. Just be your own sweet self—be natural.

Don't dress like a siren if you are not the siren type. Wear clothes that are right for you. The best remedy for that fluttering in the pit of your tummy is the mirror's assurance that you look your very best.

When you choose your dress be sure that its colour and lines do the most for you, that the skirt covers your knees and allows plenty of freedom for dancing. Put it on and wear it for a little while at home several times before the big occasion, so that you will know just how it looks and how it feels. And then when you get to the party for get about your dress and concentrate on your partner. Remember that the simpler the style, the better, because you want Joe to admire you and not your dress.

Angellic

You may look your most angellic with curls piled high atop your head, providing that they stay put, but don't pile it on too high, when you know it looks best and you look best when it is well-brushed gleaming lengths fall about your shoulders. But if it is going to be long and flowing, make sure it flows on you, not in everyone else's face and eyes! Curling the ends will give them body, help them in place. Use a touch of lacquer at strategic spots. Wear gay ornaments to anchor unruly tresses.

Don't strive for a garish glamour puss, but do take into consideration the fading effect of artificial lights. Use deeper shades than for ordinary street



wear. And give your dancemate a break by applying make-up so it stays where it belongs—on your face, not on his jacket. Use a brush for your lipstick, blot with tissues and then dab on a bit of face powder. Use a truzy make-up base, such as cake. And press on powder, instead of patting or rubbing. Finally, after you've put on this lovely face go over it completely with a cotton pad which has been wrung out in cold water. This really "sets" the make-up.

Nothing charms the boys like a sweet fragrance. And that works two ways—first what you start with, then what you add. A bath just before the big event? Well, natch. And don't risk spoiling your fun (or spoiling your gown) with—uh! but we might as well say it—underarm perspiration. Guard your bath-freshness with a good anti-perspirant for underarms. Try one of the new deodorant elixires as an all-over body rub. Finally put a drop of perfume behind each ear, at the temples, wrists and on the underhem of your skirt.

Let's Pretend

Let's pretend now that you've done all that; you know you look right because you feel right. But problems are still springing up around you.

You know that you're part of a party and a very important part. But somehow you're never able to bring that great important you out into the open. You feel as though you were a bunch of joints and bones sticking out at the wrong places.

Someone asks you to dance. But, who is you, you're not a very good dancer. Forget that then. Just let yourself go. Don't look down at your feet to see if they're following you. Let your feet take you. Rest your hand lightly in your partner's and let him lead you. Forget that arm that wants to tell him what to do; follow him. Get the rhythm of the music and try not to think of anything else. If you do step on your partner's toe, please forget to blush; laugh at yourself and he'll laugh with you.

That dance is over and he is gone, leaving you standing quite alone. You get a frantic feeling

inside of you as though the very floor were falling down, down, with you. Beware

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Then someone else wanders by and you start frantically talking to him. You find yourself saying things which you wouldn't dream even of thinking were you not so nervous and upset. You talk about the guests, cattily.

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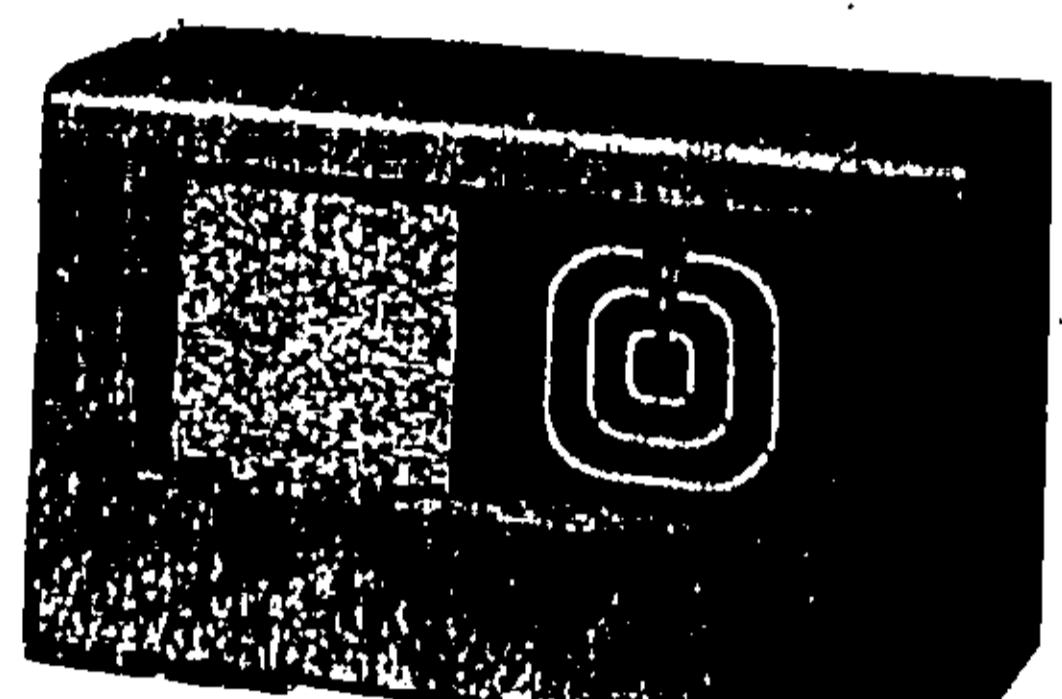
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A Short Xmas Story

Bending over the ramshackle buggy she had salvaged from a rubbish heap, Etta Mae put the cover over her doll and tucked in the ragged edges. The cover was a dingy greyish pink and in the centre of it was a brown scorched place, shaped like an iron. Beneath it, the doll's cotton-stuffed stocking body made a barely discernible little hummock. The faded painted features on the grubby, ribbed-lile face were completely devoid of expression. The pale, pale eyes stared up at nothing at all. The small vague mouth was neither happy nor sad. The doll had no chin, no neck. The end of the stocking had been pulled down about its nonexistent ears, stitched, turned up, stitched again, and embellished with a pompon from a bedroom slipper.

Although it was the only doll Etta Mae had ever possessed, she had never really liked it. Not even when it was new. The Christmas week she had learned she was going to receive a doll she had been aglow with anticipation. She had found her mother's Christmas list and after her own name had been the magical word, *doll*.

She had spent the remainder of the week trying to settle upon an appropriate name. The day before Christmas it had come to her, out of nowhere, unfolding within her like the petals of a flower, dissolving her other tentative selections into dust.

Drusilla. It had a beautiful soft singing sound. Just right!

She had sung it to herself, secretly, over and over, during the rest of the drizzling day, and her heart had repeated it—Drusilla...Drusilla...

Drusilla—while she finished stringing the popcorn and pasted the last scissored bits of coloured paper into a chain of rings to festoon the tree. She had gone to bed, warm with the sweet hollow happiness of expectation, the delicious drawsy knowledge that, when she awakened, Drusilla would be waiting for her under the tree. An exquisite, curly-haired Drusilla with dainty manners, and dimples, and maybe an organ, dress. With a pocket in it. And a bonnet and a coat, *extra*.

And then, Christmas morning and the dreadful unbelieving instant when she had raced into the front room and had come to a stricken halt to gaze, appalled, at the stocking doll propped underneath the tree branches. The slow realization welling up in her throat. The sinking emptiness.

She had called the doll Louella. Now, standing by the lilac bush in the front yard in the early afternoon sunlight, her skimpy dress fluttering in a capricious May breeze, she peered in at Louella for a long moment. She snatched her up and gave her a shake.

"You better mind your p's and q's!" she said. "Or you're going to catch it!"

She plucked her doll under its dragged cover and wheeled it off towards the vacant house that sat well back from the sidewalk in a porch-high tangle of wheat grass and neglected shrubbery.

She was afraid of the vacant house. It held a pulling attraction. She was fascinated by the blank, blind windows, the steep, sloping roof, and the way it appeared, sometimes, in the dying sun—as if it were ablaze. She lacked the courage to enter it and envied the fearless few who, during its first tenancies months, had explored it thoroughly. One blowy March day she had ventured a short distance up the walk but had fled precipitously when, somewhere, a loose shutter had banged. Bunting, she had known, it to be a shutter, but she hadn't checked her headlong flight. Nor had she stayed another visit. In fact, no one went there any more. Having been exhaustively investigated, its appeal had worn off and it had yet to reach the stage where it could radiate an aura of being "haunted."

Nearing it, Etta Mae slackened her brisk pace, but her gaze, traveling over the familiar grounds, was both absent and preoccupied as she debated whether or not to make up with Nellie Haggerity, her best friend, who lived three doors farther on. She tried to remember what it was they had fallen out about. It had had to do with the purple feather plume they shared between them when they played dress-up, but the details of the dispute eluded her. Whatever it was, she had vowed heatedly *never* to speak to Nellie again, and Nellie, equally as furious, had responded in

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Christmas Crackers

One of the most popular Christmas institutions has long been the cracker. In olden days the sharp crack from which it took its name was the principal, and often its only feature, accompanied by female exclamations of: "I know I shall scream!" Since then the cracker has undergone gradual development, becoming a receptacle for bonbons, mottoes, and little paper caps. Today the cracker is still a good way to start a Christmas party and break the ice with a loud nosh bang.

Our Cliche Class



Yuletide Superstition

A girl knocked loudly at the sky door on Christmas Eve. If a great dog growled first in reply, her pre-destined husband would be an old man; if it was a little pig, that gave promise of a young one.

Guess The Number

When the player has thought of a number, tell her to double it, then to add four to it, to multiply the whole by five, and to the product add twelve, and afterward multiply the total by ten. From the sum thus produced, bid her deduct 320, and inform you what is the remainder, which if you take away the last two figures from it, will give you the number she thought of.

Santa's Similes

Fill in the blanks, and complete the description of St. Nick, as done in "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

1. His cheeks were like —
2. His nose like a —
3. His droll little mouth was drawn up like a —
4. His little round belly shook, when he laughed, like a —



Christmas Toys

Pin on the back of each guest the name of some toy, such as an electric train, a woolly dog, a doll, et cetera. Each guest tries to learn what is on her back by asking questions. All questions must be answered correctly. One may ask "Am I a jumping Jack?" or any other question. When anyone has learned what toy she represents, she may take the name from her back, pin it in front and retire smugly from the game.

Leftover Yule Log

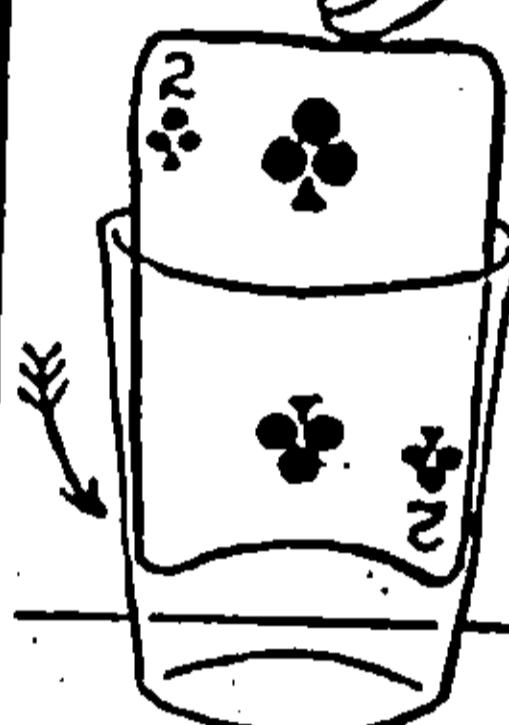
The ashes of the Christmas log were supposed to give fertility to the ground, to rid cattle of vermin, to cure toothache, and to protect the house from fire and ill luck. But to throw them out on Christmas Day would be criminal; it would be "throwing ashes in the Saviour's face!"

Shadow Buff



in that team in turn receives a motto or song from the other team and then must draw it on the paper (not answering any questions) for her own team to guess. The team is timed on how long it takes for it to draw and guess the answers. Then the other team does likewise, and the side which guesses the answers in the shortest time wins.

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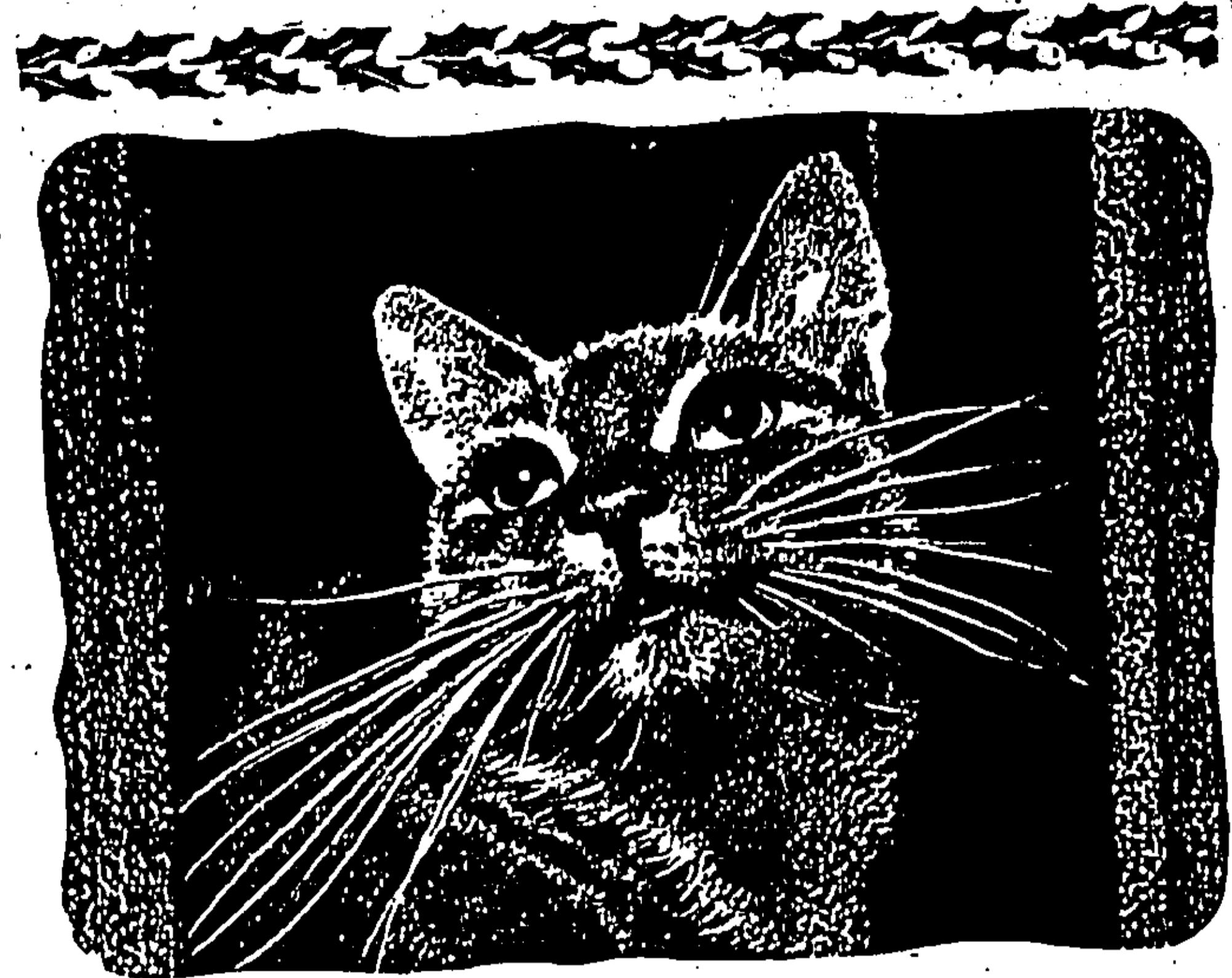
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DRUSILLA A CHRISTMAS STORY

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process. "Yesterday I got up to overs and unders. You want a turn?"

Etta Mae hesitated.

"Where'd you go yesterday?" Nellie queried. "I hooked from the ice wagon. I saved you a piece. But it got drippy, so I ate it. Where'd you go?"

Etta Mae had an impulse to tell Nellie. "Tell it all. Spill it out. The whole of it, but she discarded the notion immediately. The crime was too heinous. And Nellie could hold it over her until she died. And, besides, Drusilla was here—that is, until she took her back like she'd promised—took not for anybody else to go measuring with.

"You go to the park?" Nellie pressed.

"None of your business," Etta Mae said.

"Well!" Nellie snapped. "If I'd thought you was going to act 'stuck-up' I wouldn't of went out of my way to speak to you at all!"

"Nobody asked you to!" Etta Mae retorted.

"You think you're smart, don't you?"

"Not half as smart as you think you are!"

"I don't care where you went there and never came back! You went there and got grass for all of me, Etta Mae Logdon!"

"Oh, shut up!"

"Shut up, yourself! You're a you-know-what, and you eat leavings!"

That does it, Etta Mae thought. I won't speak to her again, ever!

Nevertheless, in her heart, Etta Mae knew she had been at fault. She refused to acknowledge it.

What did she care! She had Drusilla. Drusilla was worth ten Nellies. A hundred. Drusilla was worth anything. Of course, she had sworn to take her back and she would, so she would. But she hadn't said when. Tomorrow would be soon enough. Tomorrow after school, she argued with her nagging conscience, would be plenty soon enough.

Monday came and went. And Tuesday. And Wednesday. And at the close of each day, Etta Mae renewed her pledge to return Drusilla—to-morrow.

The days, however, had taken their toll. The furtive secrecy, so vitally necessary, had become a tortuous labyrinth paved with fibs that varied from light gray to a deep jet black. Her culpability was an ever-increasing pressure. She was hag-ridden and beset.

Sunday was on its way.

Wednesday night she awakened, sobbing, from a fearful dream.

Thursday it rained. Furthermore, she had to stay in after school and, walking home, she was convoyed by Mrs. O'Toole. And she forgot her rubbers, leaving them in the cloak-room, and her feet were aching, and her mother not only wouldn't let her go out again but punished her for being sassy. What was infinitely worse, her father gave her a talking to when he came home, and as a crowning touch she was sent upstairs to bed without any supper for thumbing her nose when she thought her parents weren't looking.

"I don't know what's gotten into you lately," her mother said, pulling Etta Mae's nightgown over her head. "It seems to me—here, bend your elbows, how do you expect—And take that look off your face. Kneel down there and say your prayers."

Etta Mae knelt and made a plumb tent of her hands.

"I said to say your prayers."

"I am saying them."

"Well, say them out loud, and all things considered, I think you can commence with a good Act of Contrition."

"Oh, my God," Etta Mae began, "I'm terribly sorry for having offended Thee. I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven in the—'n the—"

"And the pains of—," her mother prompted.

"And the pains of—," Etta Mae swallowed.

"And the pains of hell."

"And the pains of—," of broke.

Etta Mae's voice faltered and broke. She burst into tears.

Friday was leaden and damp. Leaden and damp, it swung a fatal suspended weight above Etta Mae's head, and it grew heavier, and heavier as the day progressed.

"I guess maybe you have now," she said. "Because it's your doll. I twinged it and I was going to bring it back but Wallace Parker killed it while I was in school."

"It's mine!"

"Uh-huh. It was in its prism and—"

"Oh, I know. It was that old Evelyn doll, when we moved in."

"Who's Wallace Parker?"

"He's an idiot lives in our block."

"A really, truly idiot?"

"Uh-huh. I know he's the one who killed it because—"

"How does he act?"

"Scary."

"How scary?"

"Just about as scary as there is."

"Well, how?"

"Like this!" Etta Mae waggled her head, and twirled, and swiveled her eyeballs in their sockets.

Her companion shivered. Delighted with admiration illumined her serious little face. "Do it again!"

Etta Mae complied.

"Gee!"

"You try it," Etta Mae said, magnanimously. "Go ahead. It's easy."

"You watch and tell me if I look scary enough. Hero goes!"

"Oh, you do!" Etta Mae cried.

"You look dreadful!"

"Do I really?"

"Honest!"

"Let's go out into the yard," suggested Etta Mae's new-found ally.

The two squatted by a sycamore bush, engaged in digging a small, rather lop-sided grave—with spoons.

"She's the image of you," Mrs. Carruthers said, from the terrace.

She called to the children and, a moment later, was enveloped in a whirlwind of arms and legs.

"Live!" she protested. "For the love of heaven! Calm down!"

"It's Etta Mae," Livin' said, catching Etta Mae's hand, and hopping about. "You know that Evelyn

NEW IDEAS FOR

Christmas Cheer

Christmas is always a billion times more fun if you bring it to a few ideas. Don't say you never have any—maybe you've just never turned the proper key in the door, that lets sprightly Christmas ideas dance forth! Usually all anyone needs is a start. Just try the following helterskelter of random Christmas tricks and soon you'll be dreaming up your own.

How do you display the Christmas cards your family receives? We put up what we call "the silver clothesline." Silver ribbon is stretched across the room high enough so as not to interfere with holiday traffic. Cards are hung on it by means of clothespins, painted in gilt or colors.

Wrapping gifts can be a chore—an art—or a chance for antics. At our house, when we tire of being arty, we go in for comics. Some of the children's gifts are wrapped in bright new funny papers. Or we wrap them in plain tissue, pasting comic strips across the corners. Last year we had fun packing boxes for distant relatives by lining all the cartons with funny papers. This was the tip-off to the children, uncles, grandmas and cousins to expect something different. And they got it, because we didn't tag or label a single package! Instead, we cut out appropriate pictures and phrases from magazines and pasted these on the boxes.

How do you keep track of who sends what, so you can properly thank the giver later? With three children and countless scattered relatives, this was always a problem for us until we hit upon the idea of a Christmas secretary. Each year we appoint someone in our group to write down what the gifts are—and from whom—as they are unwrapped. This saves a lot of confusion later.

Huge, crunchy popcorn balls tied up in gay paper make wonderful handouts for every holiday caller. If you would make yours especially festive, stick on bright little colored candies just before cooling.

And now a blazing fire, some jolly carols for background music and the whole family gathered around the tree—what better way to wind up your Christmas?

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least! Etta Mae had her all the time and she was killed and guess what?"

"Livia, please."

"We're going to have a funeral.

Isn't it wonderful!"

Halle Carruthers smiled. She extended the smile to include Etta Mae. "I'm awfully glad to know you, Etta Mae. Livia, this is Etta Mae's mother, Mrs. Logdon." The smile broadened. "Mrs. Logdon wants to have Evelyn repaired, Livia."

"Oh, no! That would ruin her!"

Halle Carruthers glanced from Etta Mae to her mother.

"There you are," she said, laughing.

Walking home beside her mother, Etta Mae felt the quiet repose of security folding her in. Her world was stable again. Everything was in its accustomed place. It was even better than that. There was the exciting prospect of having Livia for a friend. Not a best friend, because Nellie was her truly best friend, no matter what, but Livia could be her next best friend.

"Can I go on ahead?" she asked as they crossed the street-car tracks.

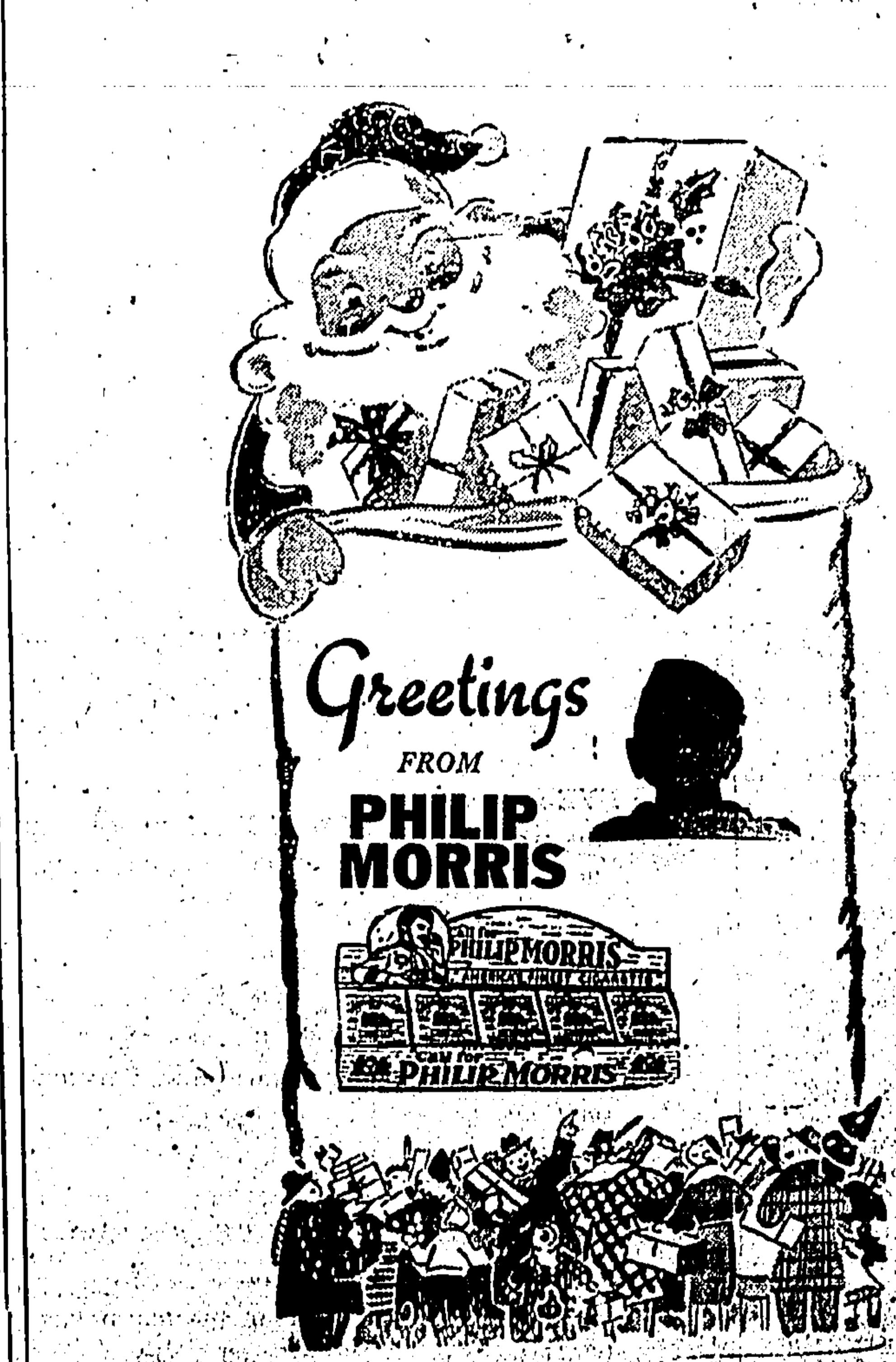
"All right. But no shenanigans. And change your clothes."

Etta Mae dashed off—past Bassett's, Lanahan's coal yard, the church. She doubled on her tracks and, taking the church steps two at a time, entered its peaceful, twilit gloom. Lifting her face, she looked unflinchingly at the Eye.

"Thank You," she said, earnestly.

"Thank You very much."

She tiptoed out, flew down the steps, around the corner, and up the street.



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By John Cahill

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To countless millions throughout the ages the Holy Star has remained what it was that joyous night in Judea—a miraculous message from on high. On each succeeding Christmas the star has appeared again to them in their imagination or in their inner consciousness. They are satisfied that it shone as a beacon light to salvation when the world cried aloud for a saviour.

And each succeeding Christmas the scientists try again to make up their minds whether it was indeed a miracle or something as comparatively prosaic as an exploding star, a conjunction of planets or a comet.

Science's Admission

For while science admits that miracles have occurred and will occur again, the mind steeped in logarithms and "Q. E. D." must forever seek after the whys and whereforens.

Each day during the Christmas season the scientists seek to recreate the heavens, as they shone on the night of the Nativity. There is some documentary evidence to show that three brilliant planets were in conjunction on that "Silent Night, Holy Night."

What is known from the Scriptures and the legends dear to Christianity is that the Magi, the Wise Men of the East, torn with anguish by the brutal tyrannies exacted by Herod upon their people, waited with anxious eyes the appearance of some message from Heaven to tell them that Christ had been born.

Suddenly this great star or conjunction of planets appeared in the eastern sky, lighting up the bowl of black above their heads, with an elongated radius and calling from far Chaldea, Persia and Arabia the Wise Men who knew that the signal so long awaited had come at last.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

ANSWERS

Two Conundrums

1. Mau-gee.
2. Ant-elope.

Christmas Quiz

1. Christmas carols and the building of a symbolic creche.
2. St. Luke and St. Matthew.
3. Santa Claus's assistant.
4. Prince Albert, in 1841.
5. St. Lucy, whose feast day falls on December 13.
6. Santa Claus, Indiana; Christmas, Florida.

Holiday Savings

One half dollar, thirty-nine dimes, sixty pennies. Santa's Smiles.

1. Rose.
2. Cherry.
3. Bow.
4. Bowl full of jelly.

Alphabetical

Abstemious and facetious.

Allen Guests

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2. Over, Mr. White, and Bill; back, Bill White.
3. Over, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson; back, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. White.
4. Over, Bill White and Mrs. Johnson; back, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. White.
5. Over, Mrs. Johnson and old Mrs. Johnson; back, Bill White.
6. Over, Bill White and Mr. White; back, Bill White.
7. Over, Bill White and Mrs. White.

Our Cliche Class

1. High as a kite.
2. Nick of time.
3. Wise as an owl.
4. Sly as a fox.
5. Dark as pitch.
6. Teeth like pearls.
7. Quiet as a mouse.

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its sudden flare of dazzling brightness. There was a recent example of this phenomenon four years ago when the giant star known as Nova Herculis suddenly flared up in the sky—visible to the naked eye even though its distance was so great that its light took 1,300 years to reach the earth.

Now Herculis has all but disappeared. A telescope is needed to find it, but there is still evidence to prove that Herculis is one of the rarest of all—a "twin" whose two component parts burned with such an unearthly brightness for such a little while.

Then the Star of Bethlehem may have been, or perhaps a planetary conjunction, or less likely still a comet.

But it may just as well have been what Christianity prefers to believe—a miracle that occurred but once and will not occur again, a mystery just as precious and inexplicable to all mankind as the blade of grass was to Darwin.

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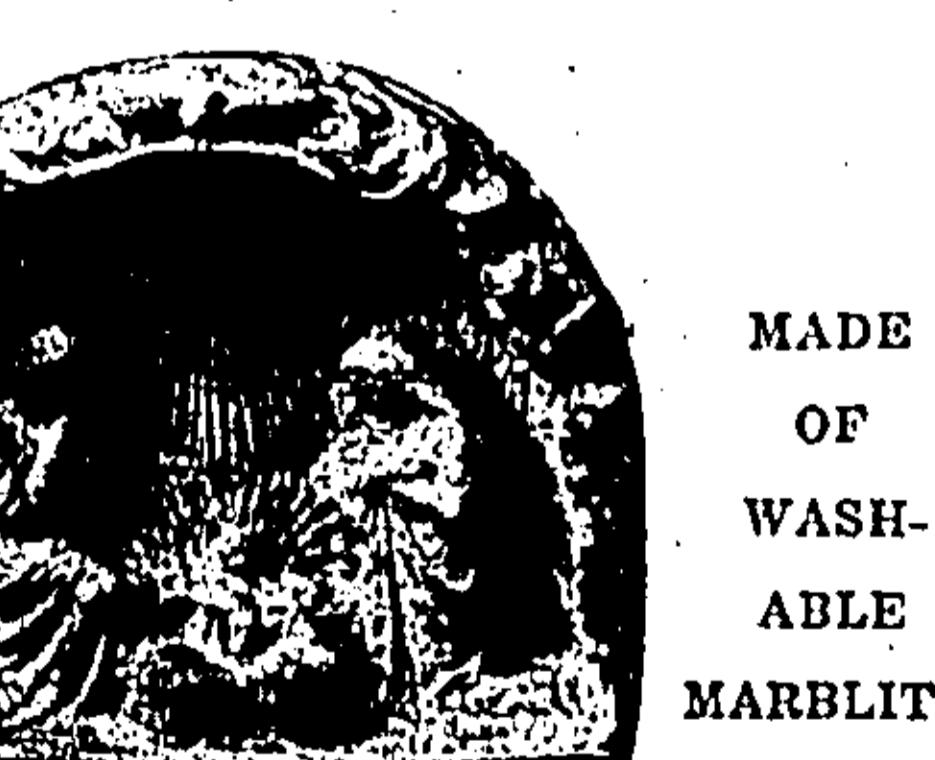
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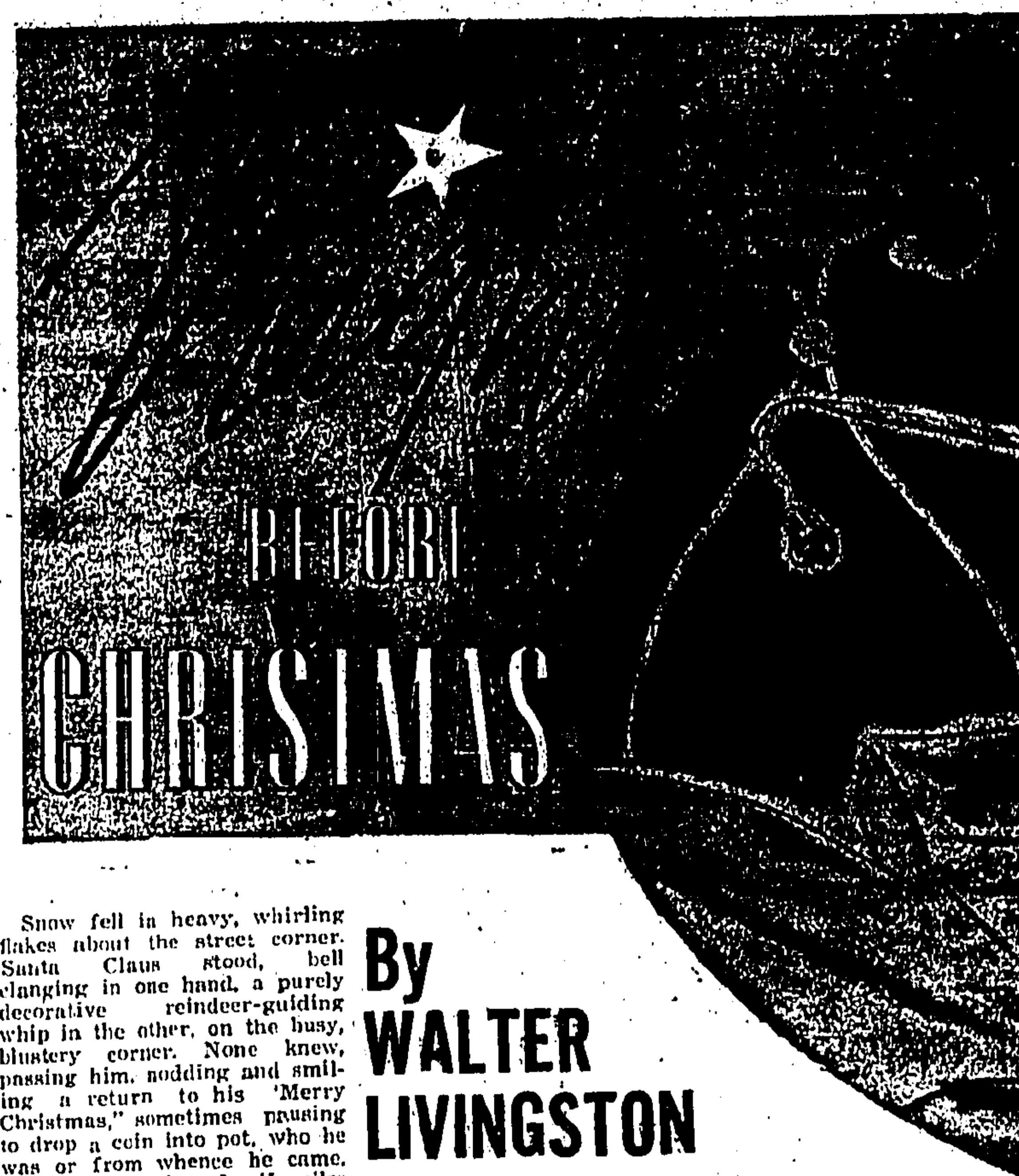


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Nick Tierney knew he should do that which he told himself he could not do—go home. As he stood now at this cold, blustery corner, the bell clanging in his hand, feeling lost and absurd in this Holiday guise, he was aware of Nickie, Jr.'s, childish laughter; he saw his mother's eyes before him, wet, appealing.

Dr. Nicholas Tierney could not go home. Not until he had made good, at something else. Or not, at least, until he had money. "It's better," he muttered, "to wait, I can get money. There are many ways of getting it, fast, in such a big city. If one isn't too particular," he added, grimly. "He'd been telling himself this for almost a year.

No, he couldn't go back. A doctor held responsible for bungling an easy operation could never go back. Not once he'd quit. And that's what the brilliant young surgeon, Dr. Nicholas Tierney, had done. Quit. Quit in silent, bitter anger, in shocked, hurt bewilderment. Quit when, perhaps, he could have remained and fought. Fought not openly—ethics wouldn't allow for that. Ethics wouldn't allow for the protege to publicly place the blame where it belonged: On the master surgeon who was aging, whose hand wasn't as steady that morning as it should have been, who'd bit the scalpel a fraction of an inch too deep... then coolly indicated for Dr. Tierney to take over. Fortunately, the patient survived.

No, ethics wouldn't allow for an accusation, an open fight. He might have stayed and fought quietly. In time perhaps he'd have been able to prove himself, his innocence, his ability, and removed the questioning, calculating look from the eyes of his colleagues. But the battle, then, had seemed too hard, too long, too worthless. If it's like this, he'd reasoned bitterly, I'm through. I'll do something else.

He left a note for Marie and came here to be swallowed up in this big city. Here he found there was little a man of medicine could do who was no longer a man of medicine. What money he'd come away with was gone, had been gone for weeks, he'd sought a job in the department store before which he now stood at just the moment they'd decided to put a Santa out front.

"Hey, Bo!" He swung half-around.

"Merry Chris—"

"Save it, Bo. I'm the one that's playing Santa, maybe." The man went through the motion of dropping a coin into the Welfare pot. "Want to make yourself some Christmas money?" Dr. Tierney frowned, kept ringing the bell.

"I ain't got much time. If you don't want to do it, I'll go the guy on the next block, see?" The voice was low and raspy-like, like the face. "There's some stuff in a house up on The Avenue that I want. I know the layout and I got the combination to the safe. All you have to do is walk in and walk out with it. They'll all be in another part of the house, trimming the tree, as they do every Christmas Eve. The kids'll be

asleep upstairs. It's a cinch. Dressed in that outfit makes it easy, easy and no risk hardly. If anyone should bump into you, you're playing Santa Claus, see? Bring the stuff out to me and it's worth five hundred bucks."

"Five hundred!—"

"That's right. Well, what do you say, Bo?"

Why not? Easy and practically without risk. This individual would get him in to the right room. Then—just walk across, open the safe and walk out. "All right. I'm through here at eight."

"I know it," the man said.

"I been watching you for two days. Meet me at nine at the corner of The Avenue on this side of the street. I'll pick you up."

He nodded. "Very well, I'll be there." The man went off.

The snow fell more quickly. Nick Tierney's gaze settled for a moment, lingeringly, on the blunt grey structure which was the Mid-town Hospital. He tore his eyes away. Soon he would receive a larger fee than he'd ever received before for an operation.

If you do it, you'll never be able to go back, never!

He laughed, harshly, low in his throat. "I don't want to go back. I'll bring them here."

The corner at which he was to meet the man was not too far from the cheap rooming house where Nick lived and he decided rather than go to a restaurant dressed as he was he'd follow his usual routine and return to his room. There he would lie down and rest a minute.

Moving cross-town he deliberated what he'd do when it was over. He'd have a couple of Yuletide drinks, and dine in style. Then he'd do some Christmas shopping of his own, for Marie and Nickie and his mother. He might even send for them to come to him, now, spend Christmas Day with him in the city, maybe keep them here.

Strangely, there seemed small pleasure in the thought of buying the gifts he'd decided upon and his half-formed plan of bringing his family here to him, for even a day, had vanished by the time he'd reached the place where he lived.

He held the bell and the gay reindeer whip in one hand and opened the house with the other. The bell tinkled as he moved along the hall. At the steps the landlady was in conversation with a bespectacled young man.

"No, she's worse, Mrs. McCarthy," Nick heard the young man say, wearily, as he approached. "I've done everything I can. The cranks will come tonight. If only we could get her to sleep, her chances would be so much better."

"Now what a pity!" The landlady sighed deeply. "And she's such a nice and pretty little mite, too. Sometimes it seems she's good. Lord, I top of the evenin' to you, Mr. Temple, and a Merry Christmas to be sure!"

"Merry Christmas," Nick murmured. In return, he went up the stairs, his boots clattering on the hard wood, the bell tinkling lightly.

He took off the mittens and the Kris Kringle hat and the whiskers, washed while the soup slowly heated over the side

gas jet the range boasted. Some talk of a sick child in the house had filtered through to him but he hadn't paid much attention. Now it seemed the youngster was worse. That bespectacled young man was the doctor, of course.

Grippe pneumonia, probably.

Yes, sleep-deep, regular, peaceful sleep—was often a deciding factor in such cases.

He was finishing the soup when there was a knock at the door. In response to his "Come in," the young man entered. "I'm Doctor Morton." His voice was tired, harried. "I've been attending the Jensen child, Anita, down the hall. Been with her all day. She's bad. Pneumonia. If I could get her to sleep she'd have a chance."

Nick kept looking at the weary face, realizing exactly what young Dr. Morton was going through. Tough!

"She's been asking for Santa Claus. Before, when she heard the bell—well, I wasn't in there but the parents say she thought it was Santa coming to see her. It was a disappointment when he came, man, what I'm trying to say is will you wear your suit in there and play Santa Claus? I've tried everything else. It can't do any harm, that's certain. And it might do the trick."

Dr. Nicholas Tierney's gaze travelled from the drawn face to the noisy alarm clock ticking on the wall. Twenty of nine, it read. "I was just leaving. I have to be—back on the job at nine."

"A minute or two will suffice. I'd be ever so grateful, and her family eternally so, if it works."

"All right. A minute or two."

He got up and stood in front of the mirror, alixed the whiskers, put on the red cap with the white ball atop it, drew on the mittens, piked up the whip and bell.

He closed the door behind him and now he did those things he had done as a Santa Claus the last two Christmases at home in Eastchester, playing the role he had, played it for Nickie, Jr. He stomped about, rang the bell constantly, lightly, called out in a deep, merry voice, feigning to hault his reindeers.

He moved slowly down the hall until a door opened and young Dr. Morton exclaimed: "Well here he is now! Hello, Santa. Have you come to see Anita Jensen?"

"Yes, I've come to see Anita Jensen," Nick boomed; he stepped inside.

The child lay on a bed in the cheap, semi-dark room. Her eyes glowed like two tiny black coals in her small, pale face. "Hello, Santa Claus," she greeted weakly.

Nick went forward past the doctor and the parents, his mittened hand outstretched. "Hello, Anita Jensen," he said in his deep, hoarse Kris Kringle tone. "I heard you come. Santa." She went on softly. "I heard the bells of your sleigh. I'll bring them till tomorrow."

She smiled weakly, happily, took Nick's big mittened hand in hers, clung to it. "I heard you come, Santa." She went on softly. "I heard the bells of your sleigh. I'll bring them till tomorrow."

"You are a smart little girl," Nick rumbled. "I'll bring the reindeer."

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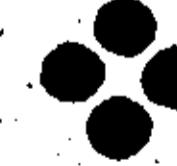
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Who Was Dick Whittington?

The age-old legend of Dick Whittington—the poor boy who hiked to London with his cat and became a rich and popular Lord Mayor of the City—is one of the favourite themes of Christmas pantomime.

Although the story has been stretched and twisted in all ways by amusement enterers, yet much of the basis of the legend is fact. There was in truth, a Dick Whittington who travelled to London as a boy and became thrice Lord Mayor of the capital city.

Original Records Lost

Many of the original records and chronicles concerning the life of Dick Whittington were lost in

the Great Fire, but from various sources—many of them only brief references, we can trace more or less the authentic story of one of the most romantic figures in history.

Dick Whittington was not a poor boy; that is certain. He was the third son of Sir William Whittington of Pauncley in Gloucestershire... Sir William was a wealthy man and young Dick might have been very different but for the fact that his father fell on evil days and, according to some reports, was outlawed.

Young Dick was sent to London to serve an apprenticeship with Sir Ivo Fitzwaryn, a wealthy Dorestshire knight, who ran a very successful goldsmith's and merchant's business in London. Did he walk? Records vary on this point, but it seems more likely that he was forced to walk part of the way, for we do not read of him possessing a horse and that was the only method of travel in the 15th century.

Now what of his famous cat, for Dick Whittington of pantomime fame is never seen without his equally illustrious four-legged friend. There are portraits in existence, painted in the 16th century, which show Dick with a black and white cat, while a statue of the boy who was to become Lord Mayor, with his hand on the head of a cat, was erected over the main gate when Newgate Prison was rebuilt by the generous bequest of Dick Whittington.

What Kind Of A Cat?

Whether the cat walked to London with its young master cannot be proved, but it is more than probable that Dick was a lover of cats, for he was a genuine devotee of the simple pleasures of life. But there is another and far more plausible explanation of the popular accepted connection between Dick Whittington and his cat.

The young West Countryman who travelled to London to try to retrieve the fortunes of his family, certainly did not lack courage, nor the faculty for hard work. That is obvious from the fact that it was not long before the youthful apprentice had achieved such success that he not only set up as a mercer in his own right, but he wood and won Sir Ivo Fitzwaryn's beautiful daughter, Alice.

That chapter of the legendary story is definitely true to fact. **Trader in Silks**

Richard Whittington traded mostly in silks, which were in great demand in those days. The merchandise was carried from Continental ports to London in small, shallow boats known as "cats", and that, some historians contend, is the reason why Dick's name is always connected with a cat.

Be that as it may, Richard Whittington prospered exceedingly, and he was only 35 when he was elected an Alderman and Sheriff of the City of London.

Three years later, Adam Bampton, the Lord Mayor, died suddenly, and it was the young mercer who was appointed by the king to succeed him.

Whittington had progressed beyond his most ambitious dreams. On two further occasions he was elected to the high offices of Lord Mayor. Just as the bells of Bow Church are supposed to have predicted years before, he became, also, the confidential friend of kings and princes.

He is often referred to as Sir

Richard Whittington, but no

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REX CONWAY

where can I find proof of his knighted?

Entertained Royalty

This adventuring man never forgot that he had been comparatively poor when he had set out to seek fame and fortune, but as he continued to prosper, he entertained in the most generous fashion at his sumptuous home in London Hall, on the site of which now stands Leadenhall Market, in the centre of the City of London. Some of the banquets he gave in honour of Henry the Fifth and his charming French queen were memorable even to his royal guests.

Both Henry IV and Henry V had occasion to be grateful to Whittington for his ready loans to the royal purse, loans to the extent of many thousands of pounds, for which he often received payment.

Helped The Poor

In later life Whittington was left without wife or children and he found his greatest joy in his charitable benevolence. His work in this respect had been handed down through the centuries as a perpetual monument to his memory.

He bore nearly all the cost of building the Greyfriars Library and founded the college of St. Michael's, Paternoster Church and the adjoining hospital. The hospital was destroyed in the Great Fire; it was rebuilt in the shape of almshouses at Highgate near to the now famous milestone which is inscribed with the legend of Bow Bells. The almshouses are now maintained by the Mercers' Company.

Richard Whittington had a deep interest in the poor, and the sick, and among many bequests he left money for the restoration of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He was also appalled in his old age by the squalor of Newgate Prison, and it was thanks to his charitable interest that the prison was rebuilt. There may have been many other instances of his charity, but they have been lost, as was his tomb in the heart of the London he loved so dearly, as a result of the Great Fire.

Such is the real story of Dick Whittington. Yet, it is not so very far removed from the legend that has been built up around his romantic character and life.



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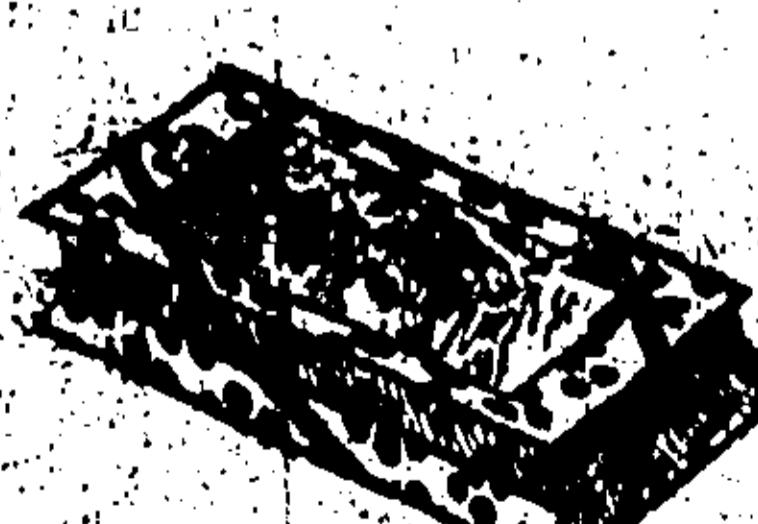
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The Message Of Bow Bells

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Next to the chiming of Big Ben, the sounds of Bow Bells are perhaps best known. They have been recorded, and are often heard throughout the world in the broadcasts of the B.B.C., although the bells, and the church to which they belong, were shattered by bombing.

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside London—the Church of Bow Bells—in the most famous Church in the City. Its historic associations are, in general interest, second to none, for three churches already have stood upon the present site.

There was a Norman church of 1089, of which the crypt and three pillars remain. Then, there was a medieval church which was destroyed in the Great Fire of London 1666, and the third was built by Sir Christopher Wren between 1671 and 1682. Jutting out from the tower today, can be seen a small balcony which was constructed by Wren to commemorate a former Royal Stand constructed in 1327 for King Edward III, from which the joustings, pageants and tournaments in Cheapside could be safely witnessed by Royal personage of those days.

In Older Times

In olden times, when the noise of the traffic was not so great as it is today, Bow Bells could be heard at Highgate, four miles away. Any one who lived within reach of the sound of Bow Bells was entitled to be called a "Cockney," and it is probable that Dick Whittington heard the sound of Bow Bells, when he was somewhere near Highgate. The tenor bell was made in 1699. It weighed 53 cwt, and fragments of this great bell, with the date 1699 moulded on one of the pieces when the bell was cast, have survived the bombing. Originally, there were six bells, but the peal was increased to twelve in 1881. The whole peal weighed eleven tons, but when the Church was gutted by bombs in May 1941, the bells fell from the Tower and were smashed. Though considerable damage was done to the church,

the walls and the steeple remain.

Those churches which suffered more severely than St. Mary-le-Bow are generally classified as "destroyed churches" which, as material buildings, they are. But a church is not necessarily destroyed because its fabric is blown to pieces. If its mission as a church continues, that church lives, and St. Mary-le-Bow lives on today as surely as the sound of its bells survive. A chapel was formed on the site of the former vestry and has a seating accommodation for 100 persons. Dedicated by the Bishop of London in 1944, it now serves the religious activities of the parish, till the church is re-

Few Residents

There are few residents within the parish, but St. Mary-le-Bow ministers chiefly to those who are earning their daily bread in the City. A sermon is given every Thursday at mid-day to help these City workers to realize there is a meaning to life and to encourage them to live and to see the interpretation of life through Christianity.

Sunday, or week-end worship, can become conventional, as can also the observance of festivals like Christmas, but those who attend the mid-day Services have to forego their mid-day meal. This means that Christianity is a practical matter for them, and that the living church is not the material building, but the living Spirit of Christ in the human heart.

Listen, This Christmas:

It is this spirit, and this alone, that can give to our troubled world peace and good-will. What often passes for Christianity has been ineffective because it is, with many, little more than a label. This "playing at Christianity" must be

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus

Dear Editor:
I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so."
Please tell me the truth—Is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody has seen Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia; nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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cast aside if we are to realize that life is worth living, and to achieve happiness. It is the business and work of the Church to teach the principles of Christianity as laid down by Christ Himself, and to help men and women to practise these principles in their daily lives.

By means of recordings, Bow Bells will, no doubt, be heard on air this Christmas, though no bells hang in the tower, though the altar of St. Mary-le-Bow is obliterated and the

site of the damaged church may be puddled with rain or the grimy snow of the City. The real church, also, lives on, because it is the indestructible spirit of good men and women who strive to enhance peace and good-will in daily life, men and women who are the salt of the earth and the hope for a better world.

May this be the message conveyed to the minds of all who hear those ghostly bells of St. Mary-le-Bow this Christmas.

And What Is Christmas? Asks KATHLEEN NORRIS

The one completely inexplicable thing that has happened in all the world's history.

And this greatest and most influential event in our human story is also the one we can least understand.

If we could get away from ourselves for awhile, look upon our lives objectively, as if from another planet, how trivial all the other events would seem—the wars, territorial changes, scientific discoveries, the heroes and the geniuses, the criminals and the warriors.

One story would shine out above all the rest. One story greater than human hearts can encompass, and so regarded by millions of human hearts as unbelievable.

Yet it is true. It is true that there was a baby born in a far away land, nearly two thousand years ago, and that his people were simple labourers, carpenters and fishermen, and that He very simply expressed an extraordinary theory of the fatherhood of God and the sonship of man, and laid down certain laws that were entirely opposed to the common sense of the day—as of this day, too—and that He did strange things, cured the lame and the blind, fed the hungry on a mysterious plenty of food, pardoned sinners with royal generosity.

This man never wrote a line, never had an influential friend, was deserted in His hour of need by His frightened companions, and died the death of a common criminal. And yet His name and His story go thundering down through the ages, and standeth by the world there is nothing else real and abiding.

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Let those who say they would believe if they could see one of His miracles consider this: that there is no human miracle that compares with the stupendous miracle that is this day this week—just this—just Christmas. Just the whole world rejoicing that He was born, great churches shaken with organ music and glowing with thousands of candles, great hearts revelling in generosity and brotherhood, because of Him. Because of a young carpenter who died nearly two thousand years ago, died under a cloud, died alone, and left only a few frightened friends to remember Him after His death.

What is the answer? Who can laugh off this stupefying fact? The only possible answer is that

what He said was true, and that that truth of His, so difficult, so unacceptable to our human ways of thinking, prevails on and on, and will not die. We cannot live it, it is too hard and high and dazzling for us, but we know that it is true.

We know that love fulfills the law. We know that we should forgive our enemies, do good to them that hate us. We know that we should not have two coats, that our less fortunate neighbour should have one. We know that we should feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the sorrowing. And that we know that if we had done all this there never could have been slums, crime, poverty, ignorance, war. We know it, but we cannot live it, and so the Christmas come and go, and we almost forget to connect His story with them at all.

True Christmas, give Him His share. Have all the trimmings, the presents, the amusements, the feasts, the family gathering. But remember that Christmas is based in this staggering miracle, and give it a little thought.

If you do, many things must follow that finding of the Child who came at Christmas. You and I can do little to help the great troubled world, on this sad and shadowed Christmas. But we can bring the true Christmas into our hearts and into our homes. Forgive. Kindness. We all need these things so pitifully, and the rush and hurry, the fear and crowding, the anxiety and pressure that touch all our lives now, we forget them. Christmas has grown strangely away from Christ. And yet at the very core of Thursday's celebration there lies the force—the never-to-be-fathomed force—of His example.

It seems to me strange that in the knowledge of this mysterious element working among us, this unaltered voice saying "Forgive. Love your neighbor. Blessed are the merciful," yet mankind can still regard other things as more clearly proven.

What science says today often contradicts tomorrow; today's great discovery is tomorrow's joke. But nothing makes out-of-date the simple words that were said so long ago, so unimportant a group of bewildered fisherman. And you shall receive. The Kingdom of heaven is within you."

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